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A Journal
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Adventures in the Atlantic
and
Pacific Ocean

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Benja Doane

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This Book is written at Sea and is a
Journal of my life it was a pleasure
and pastime to me to pen those few
lines and it may be that I may have
occasion to refer to it during my lifetime
if not
my Children can read it and tell
where and what their father was
and be able to form some opinion of
the life I led and the hardships I had
to undergo Signed
Benja Doane

Barrington Nova Scotia

April 20th 1845

A Journal

Kept by Benjamin Doane

On A Whaling Voyage from Barrington to St. John's
and from thence to the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean

On the Ship Whal of St. John N.B. Capt J. D. Coffin

April 20th / 45

At 5 Am I was called by my mother out of bed saying
that 2 men and a boat was waiting for me at the meadows

Bank to take me on board the Schooner Bride Capt

C. ^{Demore} Crowell now with her sails hoisted and ready to sail
for St. Johns I dressed my self in a hurry and came down stairs

bid my father good By but when I kissed my mother
my heart was full I could say nothing I left the house

for the boat Not expecting to return for 4 or 5 years
when I got on board I found Capt James D. Coffin on board

(the capt- of the Whale Ship which I expected to sail in) he
shook hands with me but my feelings was such that I could

not talk with him I had been from home several times
before and parted with my friends to go to sea before I had

been then going to sea five years but never felt so before
however we weighed anchor and proceeded up through the

west passage and at 3 Pm was out side of St. John's harbour
outer Island I took the last look long before and bid my

native home and harbour adieu when night came on I lay
down and dreamt of home and friends and the girl I left

behind me At five moderate Southerly breeze
April 21st

Apr 5 Am I came on deck the wind moderate SE I saw
outer Island bore ^{NE NW} middle part moderate clear weather

at noon passed Cape Tor Chu the weather looks stormy at 8 Pm
was going into Grand passage the Wind ^{NE} SE and a Snow storm

we ran in to a Schooner and carried away our Head Stays let go the
anchor and the Schooner dragged on shore so we let her lay for the
night

From Barrington Towards St John N. B.
Schooner bride Capt C. Crowell

April 22nd 1845

At 4 AM called all hands get out the boat the mate and myself went on shore to get a Pilot it being high water and the Schooner was a float Capt & Coffin went with us but did not come back with us again we got a pilot came on board got underway made a tack the second time she miss Stoye and went on shore high and dry at low water. on Pigeon Island. a thick Snow Storm got the Stays down and commenced to repair them and fit them anew and for want of employment I helped the mate work at them at low water we got Shovels and commenced to dig her off or make a gutter for to haul her off at 7 PM high water hove on the lines but the wind was N W and not much tide she would not come off so we abandoned the Idea and made up our minds to wait for the Spring tides Here I stayed on board for 3 days and helped them work on their rigging till a small Schooner was ready to sail for St John Capt Coffin and myself engaged a passage in her

April 25th

Fine weather and the wind S W at 6 AM went on board the little Shallop and started for St John when we had got a bout 7 miles up the coast there was a St John Ship on shore and they made Signals for us to Stop ran in and came to anchor about the wreck went on shore and got 4 Passengers for St John at 11 AM weighed anchor and made sail at 3 PM the wind hauled to the N N E and looked stormy the Capt thought best to run back for ground Passage and so we bore up and run back came to anchor at 8 PM and all hands but myself and 3 Sailors went on shore to stay all night

April 26th Fine weather the wind South at 8 AM got underway and proceeded on our voyage with our passengers at 5 PM hauled into market wharf St John all the passengers went on shore but me and I stayed on board all night

At St John New Brunswick
April 23rd 1745

In the morning I went on shore and met with Capt C
and he took me to board at a house in Portland where
the carpenter Isaac Crowell who was going with us boarded
it was kept by Mrs Croft close by Portland Church.

Here I stayed for several days I found my cousins
Capt Simmion Kenney and Joseph Kenney and so I went
and stopped with the former in about 3 weeks Capt
S. Kenney sailed for London in the Bark Sparlot and took
his son Thomas with him so I was the only man left with
Mrs Olive Kenney and her daughters which was plenty of
company for me.

May 23rd 1745

A thick cloudy day stopped in the house all day at
4 PM started to go over to the Ship which lay close by the
market wharf I took with me a sword cane which was
given me and while passing through Cork Point I was
grabbed by a ruffian and while in the scuffle as I was getting
the better of the fellow two men came out of a cellar close
by and give me a knock side the head which shook me into
the middle of the Street and soon stunned me I got up at
last and they kicked and struck me but I made good my escape
they chased me for some way but could not catch me my
sailing qualities was good if my fighting was not I went on
board the Ship and stayed all night with the Ship keeper

May 24th

Went home in the morning but my jawbone
was so sore I could not eat my breakfast for some
of my Barrington boys to go and mob the York Pointers
but the Orange men give them enough once and awhile

May 25th

My jaw very sore cannot eat any thing but
spoon victuals I did not walk about much after
dark I kept my self house and stayed with the
girls so I soon got over my bashfulness

Mr St John New Brunswick

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June 3rd 1845. A fine summers morning at 3 Pm heard the booming of cannon in the distance direction of the mouth of the Harbour supposed it to be the whale ship James Stewart as they are expecting her home at 6 Pm got a tug boat and 5 rigger men and went down below Patridge Island and got just to her and towed her up to Town.

4 Fine weather As I was idle I asked for a job of work to keep me out of idleness and to pay my loan the Capt (Coffin) got me work onboard the S. Stewart to strip her and on load her halled her into the dock and commenced operations here I worked 3 weeks on her and finished her and halled her onto the ways to be repaired so now I was out of work again but the time was not wasted for Mrs C. Kenney and family was good company.

5th To day I went to my Captain to find me employe. So he got me work with the Ship Joiner Noble Redden who was fitting up our whale ship and with him I worked a week and finished my job. At play again.

July 1st A fine morning so I thought I must get some work again so I started down to see the Capt again and he set me into the Rigging Loft Dickson & Pitman who was fitting the rigger for the Ship I expected to make my home for the next 4. or 5 years so at it I went it was very hard work first but I soon got use to it. In this loft I worked till the tenth the last work was to take the Ship down to Patridge Island and there anchor her I came back home and we made it up Mrs Capt Kenney and a lady friend and my self next morning to get a cab and go up to Indian Town cross over the river and find a friend of Mrs K and stopp the day that evening I set down and write some letters to send home not forgetting my duty to the girl I left behind me all the I had one here whom I expected to have a gay time with on the morrow.

St. John New Brunswick

July 11th 1845 Fine weather wind SW at 6 AM I went to a coach stand and engaged a coach to take us up to Indian Town got ready and we started off arrived at Indian Town about 9 crossed over the river to a friend Mr Sims a Shipcarpenter Mrs Capt R stopped in the house and Miss M. Burnes and my self took a walk about the farm fields and pastures picking berries and visiting a few Indian camps &c till dinner time came to the house and got dinner and then the whole party started off for a ramble we walked about till 4 PM came to the house and got our Tea crossed over the river and arrived home at 8 in the Evening the girls wanted to go over to Reed point and look at the Ship so I took Olive Jane and Miss Burnes over it was moon light and there she lay as handsome a Ship as lay in the harbour as we stood looking at her there is my house and home for the next 4 years (what a price) The night being fine we walked about town called on some of our acquaintances and returned home I was full of joy & loomed

Sat July 12th 1845 Early in the morning I arose sent my chest and clothes onboard the Ship came back and stopped till dinner for I knew they would not go and leave me and I did not care if they did however after dinner I went down to the wharf to see if the Ship was going that day determined to come back again I saw the Capt and he told me she would sail at 4 PM so I came back and took the parting glass like a true hearted sailor and started off for the Ship at 4 PM the Capt and his wife came onboard at 7 left Patridge Island thick fog all night and most part of the fore noon at 12 noon it cleared up saw grand Manan bearing North 20 miles distant this day contains 36 hours and ends at noon of the 13 civil time to commence the Sea journal

Journal of the ship "The Eagle" under the command of Capt. James L. Coffin, wife and one child.

Capt. James L. Coffin wife and one child
Supt. Taylor & wife, male Thomas Thomas, male
stewards, female John, female John, male John

Monday 13th July 1846 Began at 4 P.M. the fog signs as we
Bryers Island leaving E.S. E. 10 miles Dist. Lat. 40.16 N

Monday 14th More fine weather - wind S.E. standing by the wind to the north
and employed fitting up the boats

Tuesday 15th Commenced with foggy weather at 5 P.M. the fog lighted saw the
Island of land bearing E.S. E. 8 miles Dist. the capt. asked me if I
could pilot the ship down through inside the Island and into the bay
he had forgotten his care of charts and he wanted to get them if possible
I told him I did not like to risk it so we kept on course

Wednesday 17th Foggy weather and S.E. winds throughout the day. Steaming
by the wind at 6 P.M. called all hands aft and asked them
if they had heard the whistles read before shipping, they all
answered in the affirmative

Thursday 18th Fine pleasant weather and fresh breeze from S.E. and wind
standing to the S.E. Lat by Chron. 40.16 N

Friday 19th Fine weather and gentle breeze at 6 A.M. saw whales
and supposed them to be sperm whales but they soon disappeared
Lat. 38.57 N Long. 50.24 W

Saturday 20th First part strong gales and rainy weather - at 4 P.M. the
sails were main & mizzen & top sails. Latter part more fine
weather - breeze moderate

Sunday 21st Commenced with clear weather and fresh breeze at 6 A.M.
shook out the sails and sailed up the bay at 8 A.M.
made all sail then the gun ship & that felt the breeze
and dashed through the foam like a man to have the
Sons of Neptune far from away from their business and home
fare well to my country thy go on I am sure can the gate be
auspicious that leaves me from you

Monday 22nd Clear weather at 10 P.M. saw a school of Black fish
brought the boats and caught 6 of the Black fish
we caught - this is our first Black fish in that
it was never before

Journal of Ship A. H. on a whaling voyage, from Boston to the
Cape Verde Islands, Capt. Coffin

August 1st 1845 Fine weather hands employed fitting up the
boats under Messrs. Garrison, sending them off at 4 P.M.
from the ship to exercise themselves.

Sunday 10th Fine moderate breeze and clear weather - two sails
in sight at 10 A.M. saw the Island of Flores one of
the western Islands of the Azores.

Monday 11th Fine weather and gentle breeze from the westward
at 1 P.M. ran close in with the Island went on shore to buy
potatoes and other vegetables came on board at 7 P.M.
at 8 P.M. fresh breeze from the W. and rainy weather - sailed to
the Fortuan till 12 midnight - close in and lay a-reef
till day light - made sail at 4 A.M. and took into the bay on
the South side of the Island at 10 A.M. went on shore and
bought 40 barrels of Potatoes and other fresh supplies. hired
a man boat. There were 24 men's shops on shore most
all lay & worked several hours. Saw the women spinning flax
on a stick which they turned between their fingers they offer
you wine to drink as common as water.

Tuesday 12th Fine moderate breeze and clear weather at 4 P.M.
came on board and sailed round the East end of the Island
between Flores and Corvo and put up on the South side of the
Island to Porto Port Delavado and there went on shore
it is a fine place on a high hill there we shipped too
three men soon calm.

Wednesday 13th Came on board at 4 P.M. and shaped our course
for the Cape Verde Islands with a good stock
of Kye's Potatoes Sheep and molasses.

Thursday 14th A sharp lookout for whales as this is good whaling
ground. The Capt. put up a bounty for the first
man that should raise a whale 5 dollars and a yard
of cloth. Hands employed painting boats.

Friday 15th Moderate breeze and clear weather have seen nothing to
excite curiosity since leaving Flores at 10 P.M. saw the
Island of Fayall it now was within 20 miles of the
land fine weather and gentle breeze.

Journal of Ship Athol
On a Whaling Voyage. From Meru to and Cape de Verde

Sunday 1st Aug 1843. Fine weather and gentle breezes at 10^{AM} were within 10 miles of St Rochales Squalley Saw several sails all bound to the eastward.

Tuesday 1st Clear weather and no whales to be seen and no money coming in at 10 PM Saw many the wind at 10 AM and strong breezes at noon shaped our course for the Cape de Verde running all day and shorting sail at night.

Wednesday 2nd Fine clear weather at 9 AM Saw the Plak of Squalley through the clouds far up in the heavens.

Thursday 3rd The rigger still in sight but it where is the whale all hands is getting impatient working at the rigging and about the ship and no hopes yet of any good hauls who the rigger tells me we are well off the bounty and the first whale.

Friday 4th 1st Sp 45 This day is my birth day I am 32 years old today at 2 PM Saw the Island of Squalley Cape de Verde in Lat 14° 54' Long 23° 30' Saw a sail to windward it proved to be the 16th Schooner of the North Borneo and as we port together came to anchor at 6 PM was boarded by the Port officers and the crew went on shore for an hour at 6 PM went on shore to buy fruit.

Saturday 5th Fine weather and gentle breezes at 8 AM went on shore again and brought off two boat loads of oranges bananas and other fruits two casks of wine.

Sunday 6th Light airs at 2 PM weighed anchor and sailed South passed us to the land of whales every thing in readiness but nothing came within.

Monday 7th Fine. Post moderate at sundown except the sails mid fine clear and moderate at day light the Town from the Officer of the deck was call all hands work I saw no man the small hands but the men had hardly got a lift before that.

Startling but welcome sound was heard from three men at once These the blowers When the blowers all hands are on deck in an instant when the boats went under in

Journal of Ship Whaler

on a Whaling Voyage. From Cape Horn towards Port of Spain
Capt J. S. Coffin

Under 14th Feb low wind & low sea we had from
the Capt now coming on deck buttoning up his clothes
just turned out of his bed we ran was off and after
the whales but we found them very shy. but cows and
it being calm into the bay in we had to work
care full. let it suffice to say that in the course
of a hour manœuvring the Starboard boat had the
chance which I had the honour of being the harpooner
on Steer well I got close up and let him have it
as hard as I could and off he started now says the
mate full time boys now take your bars pull
a head heaves his barret now stern turn all shall
you are so we manœuvred and boxed round but
he was the last Boxer for a half past 10 AM
he gave us a Box side of the head and another he landed
in in the soon with the west boat came up and took
our line and soon killed the whale the head board
came up and took us in and we went to the whale to
help kill and tow him on board it being calm.

14th Feb Calm the Starboard Boat took tow to our and towed
her along side the ship and hoisted her in along Port
got along side with the whale moved him and got
something to eat at the watch got up the fore hatch
clear out the Blubber room and get coals enough up
on deck to hold the oil all this is the Boat Steerers
work while the Officers sleep in all night but to be
called at day light as soon as you can see a gray
horn a mile off all hands were called out at it we
went to cut the whale in but 10.00 Long 23.00

15th Feb Fine weather at 4 PM finished cutting in and
commenced to try out the head of the whale was
cut in two and hoisted in on deck the lower part is
a thick junk of fat the top part is the case now the work
of some is to bale the case and cut up the junk so we are
divided into two watches six hours each through the night or all
hands through out the day

Journal of Ship "Hail"
On 1st Dec. 1845 from Cape Cod to the North Banks
Capt. J. E. Coffin

Oct. Thursday 16th 1845 Fine weather hands employed trying out Oil
and a good lookout kept at the mast head a fine whale first
brought up for the man that has a whole first

Friday 17th Strong breeze and pleasant weather saw a school of Whales
and a great number of Black fish etc. not lower

Sat 25th Moderate breeze and clear weather hands employed
hoisting down the Oil the last seven days we have
kept a good look out for whales but have seen none
all hands feel anxious to get at them again

Sun. 21st Light breeze from S.E. hands employed fitting
Mizzen Tack and a good lookout at mast head
Sat 18. 43° Long 36. 05

Mon. Dec. 6th 1845 Thick fog no look out kept to day
nothing has been seen of any account this last week
and all hands is getting tired and uneasy some at
work scrimshawing bone I am at work making a
crutch for my boat out of bone the cooper at
work repairing casks etc.

Tuesday 12th Light breeze and thick foggy weather at 4 PM
fog lifted saw an English Brig standing to the S.E.
Wind S.E. have seen no whales this week and begin
to think they are very scarce about here

Sat 17. 28° Long 36. 30
Wednes 13th Thick fog wind S.E. at 4 PM the fog lifted saw
three large whales to leeward toward the boats and our
boat (the main lugboat) got a chance to go on to strike
him head and head when we got close to him the mate
called me up to look out for him I saw we were going
too far off of him and told the mate to lay on to him but
then I discovered the mate was frightened when we got
aboard him he told me to give it to him he was too far
I looked at him and shook my head but thinks I
I will try him any how so I let drive at him the storm
just reached him but it did not stick into him so we lost the whale
when we got aboard he told the Capt I was frightened the Capt asked me
what I was and I told him all about it which satisfied him to the contrary

Journal of the Ship "The"
From 1st Jan. 1843 from Cape Horn, Chile
Capt. L. D. Coffin

Nov 1843 Friday 15th First part dark & cloudy with heavy rain
at 1 PM took in top sails and hauled up the main
mast & top gales and increasing at 7 PM took in all
hands to close up the top sails and to wind down royal and
top gallant yards being in 30 fathoms of water on the
Coast of Brazil a little to the S. of Rio Grande do Sul
in about Lat 29.00 and Long about 32 or 33 degrees W.
The wind shifts on shore at 10 AM. More to under
close up ^{main} top sail head to the S. E. the wind halting all the time
to the Eastward and northern at noon heavy gales about
E. S. E. with heavy sea running under close up main top sail
at 10th commences with heavy gales at 11 PM gale moderates
at 5 AM let two top sails and whole main sail and
reef main sail the wind to the S. E. at 7 AM took in top
to the Northward and Eastward Ends with heavy

gales saw several hump back whales
Saturday 17th Heavy gales at 2 PM, more fine weather made sail
the wind S. E. ship steering to the N. E. 11 AM more fine
weather at 5 AM let up top gallant and royal yards
at 11 AM made all sail fine weather but no whales
Sunday 19th Heavy gales at 3 PM two top sails the weather
looks fine at 7 PM took in the sails toward the
wind East. Wednesday Thursday in steady strong gales and
rough sea saw plenty of hump back whales 10 AM

Monday 23rd Still blowy weather the Capt came to the conclusion
to give up cruising this side of the line and made ready to
go round the Cape Horn the morning Cape
let down royal and top gallant yards and top gallant
masts made everything snug

Tuesday 24th Still blowy gales but a good look out kept from the
main but nothing seen but hump back whales Blackbirds
and Porpoises caught several of the latter one taken then
out for oil to oil our craft with to stay about
11 PM the Capt and mate put aboard about 100
the men at work my boys are in favor with the Capt

I arrived at the ^{mouth} of the River ^{Hale}
on a whaling voyage now cruising off the River ^{Capt Coffin}

1845
December 5th Thursday Fine weather to day saw some whales to windward
It all day to hunt up for them at 8 P.M. kept half watches
and carried all sail expecting to be up with the whales in
the morning at day light - missed them - went ahead
and kept a good look out, but could not see any thing

December 10th Friday Fine weather - the capt came to the conclusion to cruise off
the mouth of the River - state for a little while so we all
took good courage again and resorted to our diligent
watch for them - square heads

December 15th Saturday Strong breezes and clear weather - just have seen no
whales yet - getting discouraged still steering to the
Northward in hopes to get something soon

December 18th Monday Strong breezes from P.E. at 1 P.M. started to the
Northward - saw plenty of hump back whales did not
lower the boats the capt thought best to go back
to brook's band again so we took in sail every night at Sun
down and made sail again at day light - so we can have
a good look all over the ground

December 23rd Friday Still strong breezes and rainy weather - at 8 P.M. started
Ship determined to start for Round the Horn but
every night - Thosler sail take all in but 3 reef topsails
Spanker and Fore top mast stay sail and in the morning
make sail and man the mast heads

December 25th Sunday Strong breezes and hazy weather - this is the first new day
since on lay and brewed and duff and molasses in
the cabin they had a roast - Pig and Plum Pudding

December 28th Wednesday Fresh breezes and smoky weather - was in the vicinity
of the mouth of the River - state saw plenty of
Porpoise and black fish did not take any thing
rough and they make a great deal of it
all hands now begin to feel discouraged but my
self I began to practice the thermate and the capt
is learning me to work Chronometer time and
to take and work a lunar observation so I feel
quite contented at my duty also I am working the
sailings out of the - 11th 11th 11th

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Journal of Trip Whol
On a whaling voyage round Cape Horn Capt Coffin

January 1846 Wednesday 14 New Years Day at Sea Lat 35° 24'
Long 130° 15' Fine weather and fresh breezes and nothing to
be seen watch at the mast house 11 AM. Tell
Leaving to the Southward to round Cape Horn

Monday 15 Strong gales at 4 PM up the Cape sail while raising
main Cape sail William Mills fell from the main
Cape sail yard but he caught in the main sail it
being just hauled up at 4 and he was saved

Tuesday 16 10 AM Breeze from S at 2 PM a man
at the mast house cried out a right whale a head and
some more on the Starboard became coming towards us
Soon after one of them came up close to us and ran his head
against us about a minship but he could not hurt us
for he was a Right whale their heads are tender

Wednesday 17 Stronger Breeze and quite cold the day the Capt
got up the Cape chests and gave out Bops I bought
two Blankets and a warm coat - the crew got a couple
the mast house are returned every hour it being quite
cold and chilly weather

Thursday 20 Strong breezes from S at 4 PM the water have
Cape Horn leaving South. Dist 13 miles in Lat 54° 40'
Long 130° 15' it being strong breezes and foggy weather
the tops of the mountains are plenty of Penguin and Seal

Friday 21 Light breezes and clear weather a strong current
setting to the S. E. at 2 PM Spoke the American ship
Ship Java sent about on board she was over three months
out of New Bedford had 60 barrels of Oil

Saturday 22 Light breezes and clear weather at 3 PM another
Ship 100 men long of Cape Horn leaving at Dist 20
miles now between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
a fine afternoon and not much in plenty of
Albatross Cape Pigeons Striped whale porpoise humpback
Whales penguins and seal. now keep a good look out
for whales for they are always large about 100

Journal of Ship Whol on a Whaling Voyage Passage round Cape Horn

January 23rd 1846. Commenced with light breezes from S.W. and cloudy weather ⁵⁰⁰⁰ caught plenty of Right whale Toppers at 8 AM. Strong breeze took a nap in the fore sails at 3 PM. saw a ship flying English colors did not speak her.

Monday 24th In these last three days the wind has been blowing from the N.E. to S.W. a gale with heavy sea and strong current.

Tuesday 25th All these 24 hours light breezes from S.W. at 2 PM set all sail. Lat by Obs 30. 06 N Long 111. 00 W

Wednesday 26th Light breeze and foggy weather at 2 PM the fog lifted up and a French Man of War came close up to her and spoke her and four she was bound home toward the boats and took letters inland of her but I did not have my paper so did not write.

Lat by Obs 37. 53 N Long 74. 00 W
Saturday 29th Fine pleasant weather - wind E. and S. breeze - cold (Genies, & Cheltrass) had a mess of them cooked for dinner. They tasted very nice & those that have not tasted any fresh for 6 months.

Sunday 30th February 1846 Commenced with fine clear weather. Wind from S.W. Hands employed at the pump room rigging and a sharp lookout at the mast heads. Lat by Obs 52. 50 N

Monday 3rd Clear weather and fine breezes at 3 AM the crew from the mast head whaler going to windward eyes with supposed them to be sperm whales but did not follow the boats for them. Lat 31. 30

Tuesday 3rd Light breezes from S.W. Steering S. S. at Boat. Hands employed cleaning their whaling craft. Lat 31. 00

Wednesday 4th Fresh breeze from S.E. Steering S. S. at Boat. saw plenty of Right whale Toppers & a slight mist water for the last 24 hours - no wind - same kind - Lat 49. 27 Long 111. 41

Journal of Ship Abel on a whaling voyage
Passage round Cape Horn Capt. D. L. Coffin

Thursday 5th Feb 1846 Commenced with fresh breezes and clear
weather the ship going at the rate of ten miles per hour
at 12 mid took in light sails it blowing strong from
SE and a heavy sea running steering SE lat 46.32

Friday 6th Commenced with strong breezes from SE at 4 AM
Law an Island on the coast of Patagonia ran close in
the land and hauled about the yards within a mile of the
Island Law the main and about 5 miles distant
Law a great quantity of Right Whales in not far from
them as we were were seen and shot on our course up

the coast for the Island of Fuero on the coast of Chile
Sunday 8th Fine weather and gentle breezes at 8 AM saw
a ship chasing a flock of Whales down the coast and we
soon turned one of them up and brought him along side
at 10 AM Law the Island of Shaga Dist 22 miles
Lat 44.05 Long 74.42 W

Monday 9th At 3 PM saw the whale oil in at 6 PM the fire
was commenced to put it being with coal the last
Peters have gone tillable trying and - the they have
a bar one cutting in it was very overboard on this weather
and the Sparks and coals were as thick as thorns in
London but I come out all right

Tuesday 11th Moderate breezes and clear weather Cruising off
Shaga Island at 4 PM Law a ship off the weather
bow at 6 PM spoke her it was the ship John Ship
Hamer Master Joseph Henry Master 30 months
out from home Capt Henry came aboard he brought
Capt Coffin ashore for him the Capt. stopped aboard
till 11 o'clock that evening

Wednesday 15 Breeze weather - and fresh breezes saw nothing of the
James Stuart on the west of it on which

Monday 16th Clear weather at 4 PM spoke the James Stuart
and Capt Henry came on board and stopped for
3 or 4 hours The state of our ship went on board
the J. Stuart and I went with him

Journal of P. H. F. Hol
Cruising off the Coast of Chile Whaling

Wednesday 1st Feb. Moderate breezes and clear weather at 2 PM
Spoke the *Campanero* and capt. Reina came to take my coffee
on board of the *Subvent* but for some reason they would not go

Wed 2nd Strong breezes at 6 PM spoke the *Subvent* and
went on board of her and stayed till 8 o'clock
at 8 AM saw 11 whales run close to them and beside the
boats but forced them to turn away as the whale tried
to get on to one of them but they were too close

Wed 28th Breeze breezes and heavy weather. Spoke the *Subvent*
and an other *Subvent* whales were run after them but
they soon gave up the chase no one got fast.

Wed 29th Sunday at 4 PM spoke the *Subvent* capt. Reina came
on board and the mate says if any boats come within
sight of the *Subvent* at 6 PM they will catch no
whales at all Shortened sail and made lights
but could not see any thing it being so thick

Mon 9th Still thick fog and no sign of our ship but in the
end of every cask but no trace of the other casks
we saw at 6 PM Strong breezes close up the Cape

Tues 10 Strong gales and thick fog. The crew determined
to stand in for the Cape Stauffer thinking we might
fall in with our ship there

Thurs 12 Thick fog and strong breeze. Capt. Reina
made them out to see the *Subvent* at 4 PM got clear
off at 8 AM saw the *Subvent* at that time for a short
time at 9 PM got on board our own ship at 10 PM
but found one man had been confined to a room in
for an attempt of suicide. He had hanged on cutting his
throat but the doctor sewed it up and then when he
went to a long walk of nature he attempted to jump
over board and then he was taken himself but was
perceived and put in a room and confined to a room at 12 noon

parted company with the *Subvent* expecting to meet in
at Cerro Chilo as the *Subvent* had been in on the 15th
at 11 AM at 11 AM dist 23 miles

Journal of Ship Atchaf Whaling
Cruising off Huape Coast of Chile at Coffin
1846
11th Commences with strong gales right and heavy rain
Huape being 3 1/2 dist 10 miles we at 10 m long gale
the wind to the eastward made Huape on the weather to
take this time the ship was in great danger of being
Islands and had to carry sail to keep off shore to keep this
very two hours squally and when the came we hauled
up rig main sail level up spanker and pulled down
jib and when the Squall was over set them again
at 2 AM made Huape on the weather 3 miles dist
let go till the was clear of it and then hauled
11th 12th Still strong gales but clear in the day (less
casuals and if it is clear in the morning we intend
to run into port at 6 AM clear with sail
away for St Carlos on the Island of Chiloe in
Lat 41.44 Long 73.54
12th Fine weather in the forenoon at 4 PM right off
the North end of the Island Chiloe Lat 41.44 Long 73.54
Moderate through the day
13th Fine clear weather and gentle breeze at 12 noon
was sailing off the harbor of St Carlos at 3 PM
saw a schooner in 8 fathoms water about 3 miles
from the town and several American whaling ships to
here and a number of small boats is coasting
14th Fine clear weather - commenced to load our weather
ship and prepare for another cruise in the fore
noon for 4 days but at 4 PM liberty on shore a week
for being out of our business and the forenoon was the 14th
cents 44 our money put in the store and one of the good and long
tail of the ship was seen and ship 3 fathoms and one of the men
the Capt's wife Mrs Coffin had a pleasant walk on shore and saw
English men and an American house who had been living here for some time
and we all had a good time on shore for the boat Stevens were all
and to go on shore as on other night - and we found the Chiloe
to be very good company. but on the 2nd of April sailed for Calbuco
in Parac expecting to cruise along the coast and among the Islands
on our way

Journal of the Ship on a Whaling Voyage
Passage from Boston towards Cuba Capt. M. Coffin
1846

April 2nd The day commences with light breeze from the North
at 10 AM we stand at 4 PM we make anchor and make sail
and proceed to Sea with a light breeze and a good
supply of fresh provisions and water leaving the Spanish
girls to take care of themselves and we look for whales

April 3rd Fine weather and a light breeze from the North
course for Juanfermandos and a good look out from
the mast head at 8 AM we sight of the land
The first part of the day fine weather and a light
breeze from the North at 10 AM we were boarded by
one of the Sons of Neptune. Mrs. Capt. Coffin was attended
of a fine boy which adds one more to our ship's company
the mother and child in good health and seemed well
at 10.30 hoisted our colors and the Boat Steers hoisted
their best flag at the head and Stern of their boats in
honour of our little stranger and to welcome him into the
womb of waters. The Tailor Christened him Alexander
Edrick Coffin for we were within 60 miles of the Island
of Juanfermandos

Friday 10th Pleasant weather all hands well Mrs. Coffin and child doing
very well could hear the little fellow sing out once in a while
knew he had good lungs and could almost sing out for
whales so soon at 12 PM rose a shoal of black fish lower
the boat on look even if them saw this is a very good
days work for Capt. Coffin even black fish and a boy is
not to be got every day on board ship. At then in
even commenced to sing out this day and with fine weather
at 6 PM all hands on the 2nd castle to sing songs &c.

Saturday 12th Calm and clear weather at 4 PM we saw the Island
of Juanfermandos Dist 13 miles to the S. Light
houses stood in for the Island Lat 34° 43' S
Monday 20th Fine fresh breeze and clear weather - wind
just more moderate at 4 PM saw the Island
of St. James bearing S W Dist 17 miles

At Mon 2nd Fine weather and moderate breeze at 4 P.M.
 A large ship steering for us spoke her the steam of
 which was seen for some with 20 barrels of kerosene
 and 200 barrels of high grade oil Lat 26° 40' Long 75° 20'

9th I have bridges and a bar within at 8 P.M. Saw S. Stevens
I saw the Pacific West of Callao I saw some of the
wonderful things there at 10 A.M. and at 10 P.M. of the

April 10 Left Rio de Janeiro at 12 noon Capt went on his own campaign
 at 1 P.M. Saw his in person here the U.S. money of the
 Congress and a French money was in English this being
 taken for London to sail in a few days. Thanking the
 chance to see better some of these a few lines are put there
 and from of her Callao is a fine view taken from the ship in
 the harbour you can see Lima the Capital of Peru
 it is 9 miles from Callao spent quite a pleasant afternoon
 on there seen looking at the Churches, girls &c

Yamout Pt. P. M. 1846. We are sailing today
from Little Harbour, Gallapagos Islands in Capt. Coffin's schooner
Capt. 22

May 1846 Monday 11th at 4 P.M. the Capt. came on board with
you. over 2 Americans & 1 Spaniard in our company
in the morn and proceeded on our voyage on course for
made all sail with a fresh breeze and also weather

Wednesday 13th at 10 o'clock at 2 P.M. the Capt. came on board
and kept in company with us all night

Thursday 14th Fine weather and moderate breeze at 6 o'clock
Chatham Island one of the Galapagos Islands having
North East 20 miles Long 1.45 N. 89. 10 W.

May 21st Clear weather and moderate breeze at 6 o'clock
the South Head of Oahu must be in North East
25 miles these islands are not inhabited and have
fresh water on them some of the mountains have
volcanoes the South Head of Oahu is in a state
of eruption cruising among the islands

Sunday 24th By 6 o'clock sailing in the mouth of a bay at daylight
saw whales and ship chasing whales also saw the
boats and after them at 10 A.M. got up to the whales
but they were very shy we kept chasing them all
day and did not catch them the schooner with the
boat to gather the other boats went on board about

2 o'clock we pulled till 12 midnight then pulled on
ourselves with a light wind down to Cape we
were very tired and no ship in sight

Monday 25th Light air at daylight saw two ships to the
Northward off Cape P. M. 1846. We pulled for
them and about 10 A.M. got on board the ship
President of Nantucket got some fresh water and
filled up our water kegs saw 4 ships off our board and

supposing one of them to be the ship we pulled for the
at 3 P.M. got up with them they prove to be the ship the
George the Balcony and George Porter of Nantucket the town
was boarded and the other boat went on board the ship and here we stayed
for 2 days the Capt. of the George P. was well acquainted with Capt. Coffin

we were well treated and they were to sail but we fell in with
our ship the ship was trying out oil

June 1st (Friday) that was a killing day
around the calapago Island Capt. & I

1846
May 27th (Friday) Moderate breeze and clear weather
and we were off shore standing in for a while
made one of them out to be the whaler Capt. Cook
and then Day's our mate started in the boat for her and
left me on board the boat to have the thing sorted
if we could see whales at 1 P.M. the boats got on
the water. The Capt. had sent the Second mate on shore
with water and provisions for us if we were there
he was very glad to find us all safe as he had given us
up for lost. Sent 2 boats fishing soon. Reckless
caught several seal and loaded the boats with it
at 4 P.M. the boats returned to the vessel and took
me on board my own ship and perhaps I was
glad to see my old ship mate again.

at 2 P.M. Moderate breeze at 5 P.M. the Capt. came to the
determination to start for the off shore ground
by our luck there for we have had hard luck and all
hands getting discouraged. Squared away and set sail.

June 11th (Thursday) Commenced with fresh breeze and clear
weather at 7 A.M. saw the American ship Iris chasing
whales. Sprung down the boat and struck one but he
soon stove our boat all to pieces and left us in the water
but we managed to save him as he got his little
wound before he dove us at 2 P.M. took him long
hale and made him fast. Lat. 60 44 Long. 105 14

Friday 12 Commenced to cut him in and try him out -
he made 100 Barrels was a large one. I have his
teeth and a part of his jaw bone of which I made
again. Kept arising with a good tooth out but
nothing to see. Saw only once and a couple of his
visitors. Then as we were not much to do every afternoon.

The crew would fall out with each other and some times
the officers would quarrel the mate and myself was not
on the best of terms and I determined to give him
good time next. Hales we got long side of as I thought
he was frightened of them as he was but we

Journal of Ship Ahol on a Whaling Voyage
to the Pacific Ocean off Shore of

June 18th A strong breeze and clear weather. I was all
day in the line writing. My boy, singing and
dancing, to work and to the. Several observations and
crossed water time at 6 P.M. this afternoon one of the
boat's crew a Portuguese began to improve on craft of
the boat's crew and I took his part. The 1st mate
Quinn came down and pretended to part us but
to keep go to look me was his intention. I pulled
off my shirt and told them both to come on
and I went to the contest but in crossing the scavage
I caught a lump of oil over me. Fortunately for me
they both made at me to clinch me and hold me
and beat me was their intention but they could not
hold on to me I was so quick. The Capt came down
and stopped it.

Thurs 25th Fine clear weather and strong breeze. My man
here from 2 P.M. till 4 P.M. The Capt came up to
keep a look out weather. He began to talk about
home &c. he asked me how I have been. I told him
so the mate and the boat's crew both at once
I told him that the mate had began to dislike
me and had called me a long shore cousin of the
Capt and we had had a clinch before and I had
have him down and would have beaten him if I
dared. I called him a d - d yellow belly and
he told me he would fix me for that. The Capt
told me to be brave and I would be brave.

June 30th All of these five days have been employ'd fitting
and repairing a boat to shoot whales. We have got a gun
that carries an Iron 4 pounds and will send it
into a whale as far. So we have got our boat
singed out for it. I do not like it at all
they think that I cannot strike a whale. They
shall see some of these times when I get a good
chance and then I will leave the boat and go
with some other men. Thomas in the boat.

Journal of Trip. Ethel is a whaling voyage.
On the Pacific Ocean off these parts.

Aug 9th 1892. Three breezes and clear with a S. E. breeze
saw a school of large Spinn Whales going to the westward
bore the boat and pulled after them the boat
being the fastest out of the first in
got past and all the rest of the boats pulled after
her. The first to get the gun in the boat was
we started and when the male discovered it he began to
growl and snap at me but I thought I would have
a chance on him soon so I kept him present by we
saw whales to leeward of us and I told the mate
now for a chance. He snapp and you mind your
own business and look out for them we were going
to take him head and head but when within a quarter
of a mile of him he went down and when he came
up he was astern to windward he turned and came
after us all speed there he comes said I am now
for it he made a grab at the Stern of the boat
but missed it I was all ready for him come along
said I when the whale run under her bottom and
took her on his back dont you strike that whale
said the mate dont you strike him I tell you
who is frightened now Mr. Taylor said I let him
come and see if I dont strike him he gave a chance with his
tail he struck me down broke my watch and lost one of my shoes
aboard I caught the other and while he had the boat on his
back I came it to him with all my might and sprang over
board he capsized the boat and left us all to swim or sink
miles from the ship and the boats out of sight convinced us
the whale went off about half a mile and we all got onto the
boat but he came back again and we all got onto the boat
he too hit the mast and caps hepp and buckets and then lay on the
board more and more with his tail in the air and we
kept together on one side and kept a head of the whale he
came back 3 times to the boat and then lay her then we
to windward gave a wave he hit it up and then he lay but
we hit and came and picked us up

Journal of Lewis & Clark on a Whaling Voyage
to the Pacific Ocean off Shore Part I Capt Coffin

July 10th 1846 Strong breeze and clear weather commenced to fitt out
another boat had to ground new mast and hauled
in the new sails and other small articles this mate
Sick but gave me great praise for my courage in
the boat

Lat 11th Strong breeze and clear weather employed fitting
up my new boat the Capt & crew work at
her all day and he Stood my mast head for me
so by Saturday night I had my boat already
to lower for whales if we should see them

Tues 12th Strong breeze and sharp lookout for whale
we see several signs such as Spind large flying fish
streaks in the water and the moon in her proper
place so at 4 PM spotted the ~~old~~ ^{new} ship
Ship Pacific of San Francisco Capt Hoxby

Thurs 14th Fresh trades and fine weather with a good look out - at
mast heads but no good sound to be heard
at 10 AM Spotted an American Whale Ship Robert
Edwards of New Bedford Capt Burgos with his
wife on board the ship came down to leeward of us and
towed his boat and the Capt and his wife came on board
at done all of our sales good to see the women
meet them ran towards each other kissed and
shook hands like sisters that had been absent from
each other for 3 years then had a good visit and at
6 PM parted expecting to meet next day

Friday 15th Strong breeze and clear winds employed rigging
a whip and chair to hoist the lads out and in
with us at 6 PM saw the ship to windward
supposed it to be the Robert Edwards

Sat 16th Fresh trades a vigilance watch for whales all day
evident to be a rising something for tomorrow
no sails in sight to day our self getting
the natives and practicing navigation during the day

Journal of the Pacific Ocean from 1845 to 1846

July 2nd 1846 Having fine weather and a breeze from E at 2 PM Spoke the Robert Edwards Capt Coffin and his Lady went on board the H.E. and after our visit they met again like Sisters after a long absence and enjoyed their selves without any further incident.

August 6th 1846 Fresh trades and clear weather a good lookout at mast head but no whales has been seen for a month and the last incidence that happened has disturbed the crew the officers began to disagree amongst themselves Mr. Jones the mate begins to shout at me and says he won't me to give it to the whales head when I have a chance and I tell him to give me one and he will see how hard I can do it but the other officers say that he is a poor man says it is me to day I told him if he was afraid that I could not strike a whale before I had a fair tryal that I would but now I am quite gone mad and then let them take me and they would have a tryal on the second mates boat.

Monday 10th Still no whales and it is beginning to be time to hang up for sport is scarce. After our provisions the mate and me still at Lager heads once in the boat he says he would throw me over board I told him I would not be half way in the boat and we both would go over together he told me he would leave a spade at me if I did not hold my tongue I told him if he misdeone that I would not miss him I have many tools in my eye of the boat as he said and if he began first that I would use them so it ended in talk.

Monday 16th Moderate breeze and dark cloudy weather all hands very much down hearted the mot discouraged we were not done but considering the time we are out for we have got Eight hundred barrels of Oil (Perm) but are making up our minds to go into port and I am determined to leave my tailors boat or leave the ship for I know I can make my way back home or get my living abroad.

Journal of the U.S. Fish Commission
On the Pacific Ocean Captain D. Coffin Master

August 25th 1846 Commences with light breezes and fair weather
at 2 PM Saw Minnam Island one of the Cuddjoppers
bearing N N E Dist 25 miles now lies good look out
as the moon is at her full and we expect to get a good
of them soon under boogie that the moon will give
me a chance and if she does and we get fast to a whale
I intend to make him pile him like a new main
tack on starboard the head.

Aug 26th Breeze has been seen where we lay the
Capt is getting impatient and has made up his
mind to go into port we expect to make for the
Coast tomorrow morning.

Aug 27th Fine breezes and clear weather. Brought into port for
food water and fresh provisions all well but taking.

Sept Sunday 3rd 1846 Gentle breezes and smooth weather a good look
out for the land at 2 PM Saw the land on the
Coast of Peru. Lat 4.30 S Long 81.6 W at 6 PM
came to anchor in the Port of Combras in 8 fathoms

of water 12 miles from the shore
Wednesday 4th Fine clear weather all hands at work getting aboard
and water the three masts and a boat crew and myself
went up the river about 2 miles above the point
for wood this day being my Birth day I calculated to
spend it as merry as possible as there is no candles
plenty to eat and drink so we called at the point
and got some good liquors intending to come down to
dinner at 12 noon we came down and had a good
time went up again finished cutting our plank
loaded the boat then had a good hunt for pigeons
for we had two guns with us saw plenty of albatross
and shot at them but did not get any of them as they
were sink when they fly when we got down to the
point it blew so hard that we could not cross over the
bar so we had to stay all night had first rate supper
and a good night's lodging

Harbour Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
At Bombar River Parua S. D. Coffin made
Kept by Bigge Loun

Sept 11th 1844 Fine pleasant weather the Capt. ordered a boat
to be manned to go up to town which is 5 miles up the
river and me to get ready to stay for 2 days as he would
leave me at a plantation to get Potatoes and other
vegetables and on Saturday he would come up and visit the
They landed me at an estate about 4 miles up the
river at an old Spaniard's and there I got 1000 lbs of
Sweet Potatoes Pumpkins Bananas Plantains &c. The
old Spaniard treated me well the first day he killed
a goat and we had a fine dinner him and me eat
together only and the rest of the family eat after
we were done I went out into the fields to see them
dig Potatoes they dug them with a large knife in a
different way from our way of digging. Still on Sat
afternoon we loaded a large boat he had with our
Supper and started down the river we met the boat
coming about half way finally we got on board
about 8 o'clock in the evening the Capt. for more
stayed on board all night with us

Monday 13th Strong breezes and smoky weather went up the river
with all four boats with a raft of water-casks to
fill water got on board water at 3 PM and
hoisted it in then took 3 boats and started again up
the river got the water filled at 4 PM went on
shore and stayed till daylight at the water house
as they gave us our supper and chocolate in the
morning and we started for the ship got our water
all in by 10 the next day

Tuesday 15th Fine day moderate breeze at 3 PM got under
way and sailed for Pita Penas for to give our
men Silver to have a run and to keep some new men
as some of them was sick and a boat steered had to
be sent home this place says in Lat- 6° 35'
Long 81° 2'

Journal of Ship & Boat on a Maline voyage -
From Bombo towards Paty in Para Cape Copen

Sep 18th 1846 Fine breeze and clear weather at 9 AM
made Paty Head carrying S E by E Dist 20 miles
at 2 PM came to anchor in Paty Harbour in 8 fathoms
of water one mile from the town having South
Sunday 19th Clear weather and calm the Starboard watch
go on shore on liberty at 6 PM I went on
shore to bring the liberty men on board then
they wanted to come & came off and the rest stayed
till next morning

Monday 20th All hands wash decks one boat go on shore
for the liberty men as the other watch could
not go on shore till the Starboard watch
come on board at 8 AM all hands on board
the work was pushed for the Post watch to get ready
to go on shore on liberty and this is the watch
that I belonged to went on shore walked
round got our dinner at a french eating house
the Place is all sand and no green spot
within 6 miles of the town the water must
be brought in on mules 9 miles

Tuesday 21st Post watch on board by 8 o'clock and the
Starboard watch go on shore commenced to paint
Ship at noon There came a shower of rain at night
that has not been known for the last years

Wednesday 22nd My turn to go on shore to do I spent the
most part of the day walking round through
the churches and through the graveyards
bought me a Panyman hat 10 is the name
was away in the evening played billiards at
an English mans by the name of Mr Smith
kept a hotel in the latter part of the evening
went home with me a doctor
and coming back was attacked with some ruffians
and one of them stabbed me in the side fortunately
the knife struck a rib and did not mortally wound me

Journal of Thos Athol, on a Whaling Voyage
Laying in Patz Para Capt Coffin

Sept 23rd 1846 Fine weather to day finished Part of the
to day an American Ship arrived and the authorities
sent some officers and Soldiers on board and took a man
out of her supposed to be a mutineer of a Brig
that had sailed from Callao for England and had been
thrust out by the crew and scattered about the
Galapagos Islands the money landed and buried
there I saw him and saw the officers ~~at~~ near to
his chest he had a long knife with pearl handle
set with Silver and different wood and told
me was a Collier by trade and had a mother in law
in his chest he was put in prison to wait then
to be sent to Callao he was an American belonging
to the Rock Island

24th Fine weather to day shipped eight men from
were of all Nations one of them were to be sent
them by the name of Coffe belonging to the house
that Indies here we had liberty till the 28th
here I asked the Capt to change me into the small
boat as I would not share the small any longer
that I would survive on shore and run away if we
should go with him and more so he consented to
it and the new boat Steven took my place in
the small boat and I took the place of the man
that was sent home sick

25th Fine weather and all hands celebrated party and well
at 3 PM weighed anchor and sailed for the off
shore whaling ground in good hopes to make a good
cruise

26th Strong breeze with fine weather a com look out
most had hands employ painting boats
the mate were busy at me would not let
me have paint to paint my boat but the
second mate soon got some more all we want
is to see whales and I think there will be a race

Journal of Ship Ather on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean Capt J. D. Coffin

Oct Tuesday 5th 1846 Commenced with fine weather and gentle breezes all hands wishing to see whales but none in sight plenty of Lip fish and Bonito

Sunday 10th Strong breeze and cloudy saw a great number of Hump back Whales did not lower the boats

Friday 15th Moderate breeze and clear weather a good look out at mast head Some of the crew Rick saw a whale lower the boats and chased him but could not get nigh him the waist boat row can out pull all of the rest of the boats and if there is any chance I think we will have the first

Saturday 20th These last five days has been spent idling about the decks nothing to do but stare and keep watch at mast head but nothing to be seen the weather fine and warm with a good moon at night and it bright enough for me to supper by which I do all my work on deck

Monday 26th Commenced fine with a good breeze at 4 PM rose a large Sperm Whale lower the boats and struck him low back this boat called out to lance him and the other for the whale back swim close but struck him and killed him and brought him a long side cut him in and took him out made one hundred barrels of oil but the male and female had a row about going on to him one said it was his chance and the other took it away so they are bad friends

Sunday Nov 1st 1846 Fine weather and gentle breezes again look out at mast head Wind N E Lat 4. 30 S

Tuesday 3rd Fine weather at daylight when the male came out took the female and him in and the third male choked the male and the crew rushed aft and pulled the female off and swore they would leave him or else and the capt was called and when he tried to part the men and officers the crew all rushed aft and cried out let's raise a mutiny so we the officers and boat stainers it was soon put down

Journal of Ship A. H. C. on a whaling voyage
On the Pacific Ocean Capt. A. R. Coffin

Wednesday Nov 4th 1846 Clear weather and all hands at
work doing Ship duty at 8 A.M. the
Capt. called all hands aft and enquired who
the one was that wanted to interfere and
the first one was that came aft to interfere
with him in his duty, and he wanted to punish
him as he deserved but they all were very civil
and deniged that they said anything about misting
and wanted to see peaceable and quiet so they were
dismissed and sent to their duties

Lat 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21th 22th 23th 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th
The weather was clear and the weather was a
Shale of sperm whales low in the water and chased them all
day at 5 P.M. struck a large whale and the Drons
drawed so we lost him Lat 5.59 Long 102.12

Lat 14th Light air of wind from the S.E. and a steady
breeze employed in repairing sails and other duties about the
Ship all the Officers had friends with them made

Thursday 1st Fine weather and moderate breeze at 8 A.M. saw
a Ship to windward of us bearing E.S.E. the wind S.E.
Lat 5.47

Monday 30th Strong breezes from S.E. no signs of whales
getting discouraged for this last ten days hands have
been skinning bone whales teeth and making washing
skins and other fancy articles to the Drons

a full out of bone plenty of
fins and bones Ship bearing E.S.E. bound for
the Sandwich Islands to recruit Ship but looking for
whales all the way shorten sail at night and make
sail in the morning so as to have a look at the way
to the Islands Lat 5.22

Tuesday December 1st 1846 Commences with fine weather and gentle
breezes at 9 A.M. saw a large Sperm Whale low in the
boats and kept chasing him all day at 4 P.M. the boat
went to steer for the whale and missed him came
on board and marshall the boat Steered and broke him

Journal of Ship School
In the Pacific Ocean. From the 1st of January 1846 to the 31st of December 1846

Wednesday Dec 2nd 1846 Strong breezes from N E at 2 PM Spoke the Ship John Adams of New Bedford with 100 barrels of oil Eight months out from home Lat 5. 30 S

Dec 19th Fresh breezes and clear weather at 1 PM Spoke the Ship Tartan of Bristol 12 months out with 130 bbls of Tallow Oil Hands getting very much discontented
Thursday 20th Strong breezes and clear Lat 4. 5 Long 108. 46

Saw 10 whales and chased them all day got none came on board all hands much discouraged Lat 4. 57

Friday 21st William 1846 Strong breezes and clear Lat 4. 57 Long 108. 46
Saw 10 whales and chased them all day got none came on board all hands much discouraged Lat 4. 57
Saturday 22nd Strong breezes and clear Lat 4. 57 Long 108. 46
Saw 10 whales and chased them all day got none came on board all hands much discouraged Lat 4. 57

Sunday 23rd Strong breezes and fine weather at 2 PM Spoke the Ship Robert Edwards again the Capt and his wife came on board of us and they had a good visit after 5 months absence the R. E. had done nothing since we parted Lat 5. 3 S

Monday 24th Strong breezes and cloudy at 2 PM Spoke the Ship Formosa bound home loaded with Oil exchanged both pieces with her took the Capt Boat Steerer to Steer our boat mate he was a Contractor and gave the Capt of the Formosa the one that had missed the whale and was broke. paid him off and give him his discharge

Tuesday 25th Clear weather and gentle breezes from N E no whales have been seen for this last fortnite getting discouraged officers out of humor

Wednesday 26th Calm and a heavy Sea running seaward up all sail men at the mast head Sea sick doctor very fatigued

Thursday 27th Fresh breezes but no whales yet nor are there any signs of them hands employ repairing main course list is poor very moderate and hot nothing abnormal but the blue sky and around a mist us but the clear blue Sea and not an air of wind to move it or our Ship the Sea is as bright as a glass and now and then a hinkback keeps from this further less home to the other elements

Journal of Ship Whetzel on a Whaling voyage
in the Pacific Ocean. Towards the S. S. Islands

Tuesday Feb 2nd 1847 Commenced with fresh breezes from S.E.
and clear weather at 2 P.M. Spoke the U.S.
Transport Ship Thomas Perkins of Boston Capt.
James P. Wier with the troops from New York
bound for California to fight the Indians and
Spanyard's we went on board of her and some of her
Officers and some of the Army Officers came on board of us
to look at our whaling gear the Second mate being
troubled with a swelling in his head the Capt. sent the
Surgeon to come on board and look at it he did so
and cupped it and prescribed a remedy which soon
cured it

at 6th Clear weather { cured him Surg. by Surm. 101.48
at 3 P.M. Saw whales towed the boats and
chased them till dark but could not get near
them the Capt. hoisted collars to call the
boats home Surg. 101.48th Feb 2nd 1847

Wed 10th Moderate breezes and hailing and showers of rain
ketching water to wash with and to scrub

the paint expecting to paint ship soon
Mon 15th Wind to the S.E. with a fine breeze all hands
in good health expecting soon to be in port
and then we will have some fun I want to take
a lunar Observation and work it by my self or
chronometer time either. Likewise I want to im-
prove my hand writing by keeping this Journal

at 20th Moderate breezes and cloudy weather Hands employed
scrubbing paint-work and sundry other jobs this
does not agree with the boys and with some
in particular that are only shipped for
the cruise and they have not got much for their
voyage as yet and they are a little troublesome
as they do not care for the mate I heard one
of them tell him to damn that if he wanted
the ship clean to clean her himself and if
they had told the Second mate that their house would
have been down still 11th

Journal of Ship Tittoo on a Whaling Voyage In the Pacific Ocean Towards Pakee Capt. J. J.

Sunday 28th Feb 1843. (First part) Strong breezes and fine weather
at 4 Pm spoke the Ship Tittoo of New Bedford
18 months from home she was hauling out oil with
a hundred barrel sperm whale in her Blacker room
that she had taken yesterday we went on board
of her and they told me that on the 25th of Feb
they saw Whales lowered their boats the captains
boat got fast to a large whale the line got
round the boat Stevers leg and took him overboard
they cut the line but could not save him poor
fellow he drowned as it has been the fate of
many a good man kind providence has spared me
to see this day in good health not in the land of the
living nor on freezing ground but on Ship board
murmured with the brave sons of Peppen his
most faithful Swane Benny Swane

Tuesday 3rd March 1843. Commences with a S. by E. 00.46 P
fresh breezes and clear weather men on the look out for
whales but I doubt if some of them would ring out for
one if he should see one they all want to get in to
port very bad their watch below is spent in making
bunnacks mittels for bunnacks pids prickles and all
sorts of Sail makers tools I have turned another
pid and am at work making a cane &c

Thurs 4th Strong breezes and fine weather at 3 Pm saw sperm
whales lowered the boats and the bow boat got fast
the line got foul and the boat capsize and one
of the men got tangled in the line and was towed
for some distance through the water by the
whale the man drew his sheath knife and
cut the line and swam to the top of the water
he was brought on board very much hurt and spit
blood picked up the boat but lost the
whale but the poor sailor nearly lost his
life the doctor is tending him

Journal of Ship Whore on a Whaling voyage On the Pacific Ocean. Towards the Cape of Good Hope

Wed 10th Dec 1841 Fresh breezes and clear weather. Hands
employed at sundry jobs about the rigging Cook and
Steward picking over the potatoes these potatoes were
last year still and have not rotted but a very little
they are the *Tuberosa* Sweet Potatoes that we got last
September six months ago

Lat 13th Moderate breezes and clear weather. Hands making
ready to go into port getting their clothes in order
the top chest is opened and some take what they want out
of it I got two blankets our sick man no better
has pined away to skin and bones poor fellow I feel
sorry for him he is a good man we shall have to put
him into the hospital when we get into port

Thurs 18th Strong breezes and a smoky weather at 4 PM
Saw Oahu one of the Sandwich Islands bearing
NNE Dist 24 miles Lower at mast head and the first
one that saw it it is a very high island and the
first you can see of it is above the clouds along way

Friday 19th Strong N.E. Trades { Lat 27° 30' Long 155° 38' W
at 4 PM Saw Moorea bearing NE Dist 15 miles
this is a beautiful island full of coconut groves
and is noted for its beautiful native women

Further part moderate light airs of Wind Lat 20° 5'
Lat 20th First part thick squalls { Long 156° 52' W
weather makes bearing NE Dist 15 miles at 12 noon
the pilot came aboard at 11 PM came to anchor
in Matoua Harbour in 5 fathoms water a cable's length
from the shore Let anchor watch it lowering and
sailing at 8 PM two of the boat-stewards and my
self took a boat and went on shore to see none to
the Officers or Capt and stayed all night came
on board at 4 o'clock in the morning we returned
to the vessel on any one else

Journal of Ship Wreck on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Harbour Journal Tahiti

Sun 21st March 1847 Fine weather This morning the Capt
gave leave to all hands to go on shore but the 4th
mate and cook to keep ship One of my ship mates
and myself went on shore to gather nuts & eat & buy
some fruit. At present the bells began to ring
for Church so we thought we would go in and hear
a Sermon preached if there was one we went to
a native church after the meeting was over
they had a Sunday School we could only look
on and watch their manouvers we could not
understand one word they were wying off after
School was over we got our dinner and then
in the afternoon went to the French Roman
Catholic Church was treated very respectfully they
gave us all a prayer book. In the evening we
went to the Leamons Bethol the Rev Samuel
C Damon preached a fine Sermon it put me
in mind of home the Ladies and gentlemen were
dressed like our people and it seemed as if we were
once more amongst civilized people though some
of them were quite dark and looked like savages

Mon 22nd Commences with Squalls weather rain
Thunder and Lightning Hands employed wooding
and wattering in the afternoon more finer
weather Mr Damon came on board and
distributed Tracts and books about amongst the
crew and he enviled me to come to his house
and see him and his family Took on board 300
barrels of water to day this afternoon
took our sick man on shore and put him
into the hospital poor fellow I much
fear he will never come out alive he has
been spitting blood ever since he was taking
out of the water and has pined away to
skin and bones

Journal of Ship Attol on a whaling voyage
in the Pacific Ocean at 1840 Capt Coffin

Feb 24th March 8th Fine weather - The Purboan
watch on shore on liberty. I went to the Capt's
house for a few minutes saw Mrs Coffin and Semaden
and his. Then we took a walk round the town I
think we had a good long walk and amused our
selves much looking at the ways and manners
of the people in this distant part of the world
in the afternoon we hired a horse and rode out to
a place called Matitney Plains which is about 5 mi
from town of Honolulu and then back to town
again and then over to the Greenwich Hospital
and Punchbowl Hill and then out to what is called
the Pary a Perpendicular Prickpool several
hundred feet high.

March 26th Fine weather. Port watch on leaf today employed eight
calhers to call the Ship from the copper up and the deck
commenced to get ready got their stages off and all ready.

Feb 26th Clear weather. Harbour watch on shore on leaf and all the
at work calling her boats. Cannacker boys on board
playing and swimming round the Ship two of them jumped
off of our main top gallant mast over board and passed under
her keel and upon the other side Mrs Coffin boarding
on shore. today I visited her

At 2nd Fresh breezes and clear weather. The Capt Pick off the
men that he shipped in Party. Two of them shipped in a
bark bound to the East Indies and the rest of them
to go a mother voyage on cruise with us.

March 28th At 10 AM I went on shore to day at 10 AM I went to church
The Sermons by that Mr. Tarnon preached a very good
sermon and tried on the Capt's toes very hard. I do not
know how they will take it as they are not fond of being
rubbed too hard in the evening.

went to the Bethol again the King and his family
was there they are very good looking young men and women. I met
one of the King's sons I saw several native natives at church also

Journal of Ship Ahool on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean: Harbour Journal The Harbor
Capt. J. D. Coffey

Monday 29 March 1847 Stormy weather at 4 Pm went on shore
and went to the Capt. house and he gave me some money
I took a horse and rode aside out into the country went
out to, Little Plains and rode nine hrs on the ally on the
Point then back on the ride met amongst the natives
went to a house to get out of the rain some of the people in
the house were sick they had a missionary there to pray with
them and they wanted us to go out before the storm but we
had no notion going out into the rain so the minister
asked us where we belonged and when he found that we were
Americans they were not afraid of us at all come back
towards town but it rained so hard that we got our horses
put up and stayed all night at an old man's house in the
country. They gave us supper and breakfast and we paid them
for it and left for town

Tues 30th Fine clear weather. The Carpenters finished calking
us at 4 Pm found two men stowed away in the long boats
went them on shore they were runaway convicts

Wed 31st Strong breezes went on shore to day and rode nine hrs
with the boat steerer of the Flying of Nantucket there were
the crew of 5 Whale Ships and 2 merchant ships on shore to
day liquors such as Brandy Rum Wine Gin and whiskey
is four dollars a bottle and I saw as many men drunk in
this place as in any other and they could not drink and
the sellers' principles here had to drink it in the
harbor for they dare not sell less than a bottle

Thurs 1st April 1847 Fine moderate breezes and clear weather hired
a horse in the afternoon and rode out to the Plains and
saw them Lagbe cattle went out to see the old man
there we staid with the other night and he per-
mitted me to stay all night again and so we did

Friday 2nd Fine weather hands employed getting things ready to go
Saw the Capt and his lady moved on board to day at 6 Pm
went on shore and hired a horse and went out to see the
man and his family and bid them good bye

Journal of Ship Whittol on a whaling voyage In the Pacific Ocean, about 5 years since 1841

Thurs 4th April 1841 Fine weather and warm wind at 11 AM
in the forenoon in the afternoon hired a horse and took
a ride out into the country called into two of the missionaries
houses and asked for a saddle of mutton came into town gave up one
horse and went on board like a good boy

Fri 5th Strong breezes and clear weather at 10 AM a Tahitian
came from Mohe and pulled along side with 3 horses he had
bought 150 of them but they were so dear he could not buy any
more at 4 PM went on shore to settle

Sat 6th Fresh breezes and clear weather at 3 PM
The Capt gave me leave to spend the afternoon on shore
on shore obtained a horse and rode out to the Pines and
a good supper there with the Officers and boat Steers
of other Ships then at 7 PM went up to the Pt
Stamours and stayed all night got onboard by 7 AM next
Morning

Sunday 9th Strong breezes and clear weather at 12 noon
was all on board and ready for sea at 3 PM the pilot
came on board and we proceeded to sea and such music never
was heard in Mahoe Harbour before for we had shipped some
here and as good sea men as ever watched the deck of ships
and all on board joined in the songs which echoed among
the hills far back and reverberated the sound to the sea
again the shores was lined with women children waving
us good new good bye

at 10th Strong breezes and clear weather steering W by S 10 N
for the Bonien Islands in Lat 27° 30' 14" 20' 56"

Thurs 15th Strong breezes and cloudy employ painting boats and
on chafing gear and other duties about the ship the cooper
setting up shooks and repairing old clothes

Sunday 18th commences with light breezes and clear weather at 1 PM
Saw the Island of Hession bearing S dist 12 miles Lat 16° 0'

Tues 20th Moderate breezes and fine weather at 9 AM took out at
most dead for whales have not been any since we left and
getting anxious to be doing something at our business

Journal of Ship Whol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean, From Whidbey towards the Bonin Islands
Capt. J. S. Coffin

Saturday 23rd April 1847 Commences with light breeze and rainy weather
a good look out kept for Whales but no signs yet boats
tall ready and anxious to get about of them Lat 18.18. S Long 158.18. E

Sunday 24th Moderate clear weather to day saw a great number of
Sulphur Bottomed white and Porpoise carpenter employed
repairing one of the boats coopers setting up Shooks &c
to day took dinner beer and worked it with a little assistance
from the Capt. Lat 20.14. S Long by Lunar 150.25. E

Sat 1st May 1847 Commences with thick rain weather at
3 PM Saw Coffin Island one of the Bonin Islands
bearing N.N.E. dist. 16 miles Lat 25.30 S Long 142.38 E

Sunday 2nd Fine weather and gentle breeze at 6 PM Therm. when
going to windward very fast lowered the boats and pulled and
tailed after them but could not catch them after 2
hours pull came on board disheartened and discouraged Coffin
Island bearing E dist 19 miles Lat 25.13 S

Tuesday 4th Clear weather and gentle breeze to 1 PM first part a
cloudy and overcast at 10 PM breeze freshens dark threatening
appearance of the weather mid June reef fore top sail at
4 PM took in Mizzen top sail and main sail at 5 PM in
fore top sail and land under double reef main top sail
fore sail and 3 top mast stay sail the wind E.N.E. steering
West a heavy sea running the weather looks more finer

Wednesday 5th First part strong gales the clouds more broken
at 6 PM Saw Therm. Whales supposed M. Trip to the
wind close reef main top sail and reef fore sail to
main spences and laid too all night waiting for the
whales Lat 26.35 S Long by C. 134.20 E

Thurs 6th Still heavy gales at 7 PM pulled up the fore sail
lay too under close reef M top sail main spences and 3 top
and a heavy sea running saw whales close to the ship
but could not lower for them on account of this heavy wind and
sea it was hard to see them laying there making fun of
us and we could not hurt them at all. The wind
about E and variable to N.E. and the weather

Journal of Ship Whal on a Whaling Voyage.

In the Pacific Ocean, about the Bonien Islands
Capt. J. D. Griffin

Monday 7th Nov 1843. More finew weather. Still more numerous
bubbles to the water but the whales are all disappeared
we suppose they have gone in with the land and as we could
sail after them shaped our course for Harbour Island the
largest of the Bonien Group

Tuesday 11th Strong breezes and clear weather cruising for Whales Landing
by the wind under all sail in the day and when there is anything
seem to lean we keep off run down and see what it is at
night shorten sail and keep to the wind back ship at
midnight and make sail in the morning, make
most heads and keep a good look out

Wednesday 15th First part Light breezes and smoky weather
at 1 Pm Saw Harbour Island N.W. Dist 35 miles
at 6 Am Saw Whales lanced the boats and we got up
with one of them now for a good chance said I to the
Second mate. I will tell you when I land up said the
Second mate and when he did I gave him his cut to show
and in 10 minutes had him turned up dead the mate's
boat got fast and his spars drawn again and lost
the whale Lat 28° 12' Long 130° 00'

Thursday 16th Strong gales and heavy rain at 8 Pm two right Whales
sails right main sail and took in the life ends equally
which was rather

Friday 17th Strong breezes at 5 Am took the ship Orion
of New Bedford 10 months from home with 18 hands on board
continues blowing and thick weather still under short sail

Saturday 18th Strong gales and rough sea at 4 Pm more moderate
and weather looks more broken and finer and wind
moderate. Hoisted the masts at 8 Am still
cloudy and overcast at noon more finer

Sunday 21st Fine weather and clear sailing into the Bay
of Harbour Island at 10 Am discovered a coral reef
with 2 fathoms of water on it bearing N.W. from
the point at the head of the bay Dist 6 miles
and was laid down in the charts of the Islands

Journal of Ship Ahol on a Whaling Voyage
On the Pacific Ocean. Cruising off Starbuck Island
Capt. [unclear]

Sunday 23rd May 1847 Commenced with strong gales and dark weather wind W at 1 PM sent down fore and top gallant yards and began to make ready for a typhoon for is all the appearance of one at 2 PM close reefed the top sail and top of fore sail and carried onto her to get a clear land Starbuck Island lying N.E. Dist 15 miles the wind gradually backing to the Westward at 3 PM it blew fresh American and gave stowed the main top sail and let her by the leads blew up the rigging got them in and beat it then ship laying down on the beam end at 4 PM the wind at W.S.W. shipped a sea over the beam and swept the decks and carried away the fore-booms at 5 PM it commenced to moderate and at midnight had the ship under two reef sails the clouds began to break away but a very heavy running

Monday 24th Gale moderate in fine hands employed repairing the damages of the gale carpenter making new fore boom a good look out now for whales starting in

Tuesday 25th Fine weather and gentle breeze at night was clear in with the main top sail to be close in in the fore in the morning it set to rose a school of whales lowered the boats and struck the good fortune to get a mother whale the other boat was first to her doors drawn in to the whale Starbuck Island bearing E.S.E. Dist 20 miles

Friday 28th Commenced to cut the whale in at 1 PM and at 4 PM the ship all in commenced to type out and boil over

Sat 29th Fine clear weather for day finished boiling and cleaning up the decks and lashed the bil to coals

Sunday 31st Clear weather and gentle breeze from S.E. at 6 AM spoke the Bark Cammore of St John N.B. Capt Cutlip 19 months from home went on board of her to hear the news but I could not hear from my position at all she was 8 or 10 miles off Starbuck and 500 of N.E. is

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage -
On the Pacific Ocean. Bound for the Sea of Japan
Capt. Allen

Tuesday 1st June 1847 Fine clear weather and fresh breezes at 9 AM Spoke
the Cannone the mate was going on shore to get some fresh provisions
and wanted Capt. Coffin to send his boat on shore with the crew
on shore and as soon as we landed the whole village of deer & their
houses are ran to the woods we lay some cloths on a rock and went
off in our boats and they came and carried it off then we went
on shore and they ventured to come and talk with us and
we bought a kipper and Willu has since been on board
on board divided between the two ships they were armed
with Swords and guns the guns were match locks &c

Friday 4th Fine weather and gentle breezes at 2 PM saw 3 whales
bowed the boats in company with the Cannone the whales
were very large and clear out and did not let us get anywhere
within the whale of them the Capt of the Cannone came on
board and stopped the Evening we sail about 10 PM Spoke
an English Ship the George Thomas who told them that
they had been into the Sea of Japan and found plenty
of straight whales but did not take any account of
them not having good right whale men the next day
the Capt concluded to start for that place as we had
one good man that was the second mate and he urged
the Capt to go and fill up with whigs in 2 PM

Sat 6th Fresh breezes at 12 noon Spoke the Coffins and Spoke
Company with the Cannone bound for the Japan
Sea which lays between the Coast of Farley and the J. Island

Monday 8th Strong breezes and hazy weather at 7 AM Saw
two peaked rocks sticking out of water as if sight
of any Land Called the Ears Ears we were close
to them and they look as if they had not grown
out of the water and was rightly named as they looked
like two ears of an old man but the two disappeared before

Tuesday 9th Strong breezes and clear weather at 9 AM saw the coast of
New Cape Corea lying NNE at 10 AM passed through the Straits of Corea
between the Island of Kinson and Cape Corea saw a great number of fishing
boats but when they saw us they all pulled for the shore and got out their way

Journal of Ship Athol. on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean & Japan Sea Capt. Coffin

Thurs 10th June 1848 Fresh breezes and smothery weather Saw several
Right Whales but they all were going very fast toward the
Southward and we steered after them

Friday 15th Moderate breezes and thick fog at 11 AM the fog
cleared Saw Whales close to the ship lowered the boats
and pulled after them but they were very shy and
cunning did not get any of them Lat 41° 39'

Wednesday 16th Commenced with light breezes and foggy weather at
9 AM fog lighted Saw Whales lowered the boats and the
west boat (I mean the west boat) got fast and the line
parted and we lost the whale now this is discouraging
it is hard luck for me the first Right Whale that
ever I struck and he to get away

Thurs 17th Clear weather and fresh breezes at 10 PM Saw
Whales lowered the boats and the star board boat
got fast and fouled her line we pulled up and
fastened to her too and killed him but in three
minutes he sunk and we had to let him go

Sat 19th Clear weather and moderate breezes at 9 AM
Saw Whales lowered the boats the west boat got in
to one of them and fastened to him but the line parted
and we lost him the mate chased him for a good
distance but did not catch him when the mate came
on board he asked the second mate how I came to lose
the whale we told him he did not know but he said
that I hit him the mate said that I did not touch
him for he saw the crows go over his back at said the
second mate did you well I did not see them go over
back I thought they went into him no said the mate
they did not touch him for afterwards I got close
up to him and he did not bleed nor there was no
mark of crows in him now said the 2nd mate

see the crows better go into his back and he was to kill
them off with him and 3 fathoms of line Oh said the mate
I think that Bendish not hit him well said the Capt
Taylor you see you thought a life that time

Journal of Ship & Boat on a Whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the Japan Sea
Capt. J. L. Coffin

Monday 21st June 1847 Fine clear weather and fresh breezes
condemned our old whale line and coiled anew one
and got ready for another trial but to day did
not see any whales bore further to the Northward.

Tuesday 23rd Fine weather a good took out for whales saw the
several times and lowered but could not get onto them
Steering to the Northward all the time at 4 Pm Saw
whales Scooping feeding lowered the boats and paddled
onto one of them the Second mate told me to Stand up
and give it to him I stood up took my Irons in my hand
and when I got nigh enough I let him have it and he
went down the Second mate Sail to down your name
done it for him now and when he came up he spit to
thick blood and we soon turned him up lower him along
side all alone no one to help us now there was a great
struggle this is the first fight whale for us and all hands
are in good spirits

Wednesday 26th Fine clear weather and moderate breezes at 2 Pm
saw whales lowered and we got up to another of them
and I fastened to him as solid as ever but unfortunately
the line parted and we lost the whale the mate got

fast to a whale and his Irons dragged and lost him also
Thursday 28th Commenced with strong breezes and foggy weather
at 6 Pm Saw whales lowered the boats and I got one
lowered him along side and commenced to cut him in firesticks
cutting in at 7 Pm and then began to coil out the blubber

Friday 29th Strong breezes and foggy weather finished coiling
and commenced stowing down the coal oil at 10 Pm

Saw whales lowered the boats back boat and I soon had the Irons
to one of them and the 2nd mate soon killed him the Capt told
the mate to lower his boat and go help his kill no whale or try
to get another the mate gave the Capt some iron lance the Capt
took his spy glass to strike him and the whale seized a lance
in run at the Capt but he worked it alone side and hit him on
the head with his glass now Coffin came up and bore them mate
to not kill the Capt and he put the lance down the Capt then

the whale off the line

Journal of Ship Whol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the Japan Sea
Capt. Coffin

Friday 1st July 1843 Commenced with fine weather and fresh breezes at
9 AM Saw Whales lowered the boats and chased them
at 10 the bow boat got fast the third mate could not
kill him and the rest of the boats could not reach
him and in a few minutes his Irons drew and lost
the whale came on board and hoisted up the boats at
1 PM Saw Whales again lowered the 4 boats and the bow
boat fastened again the whale as the Irons entered him
rolled and struck with his tale and struck another
whale that happened to be side of him on the head with
his flukes and then started to windward we saw the other
whale that was struck on the head laying galled and rolling
and blowing like a good fellow thinking this our best chance
and the other boats pulled after the third mate we soon
was alongside of him he was sunk down to the foremast
and had nothing but his head out of water the 2nd mate
told me not to dart my Irons at him till we should lay
strate on the water as a Whales head is very hard and only
one or two places that you can get an Iron in to hit
however I stopped for a minute and when the head was
against his head he began to sink so I thought it time to try
him so I let him have it and the Iron entered into the eye
to the bone and held him fast the whale ended the bone
quivered like a leaf and lay still for a minute then he ran to
windward so fast that we hardly could keep the boat above water
he then launched and took 150 fathoms of line when he came up he was
close to the 3rd mates boat the 3rd mate had lost his whale kept
asked him and he stove him all to pieces and left them in the water
we said the 2nd mate we must not play with him but let us
kill him and have done with it so at it we went and in 20 minutes he
was dead he fought for his life naked and ran also but the
last boats boys was too many guns for him we towed
him long side and stowed him mid the throat of all our
cannons set the watch strong breezes through and through
and rough sea again the whale will break the morning

Journal of Ship Ashol on a Whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean, Commencing in the afternoon of 27th July 1847

Mon 27th July 1847, First part, moderate. Wind freshened at 5. Am
commenced cutting in the whale at 6 AM & being rising
further for chase and merrings, but to lower the boats and
faster to him again got him along side again. Strong gales
for the Blawser to this place and laid out 30 fathoms
took in Mizzen Top Sail and 3rd Top Sail and lay to under
Sloop main and a dead whale is blowing a gale from E
and foggy weather. Stood a watch in the Top to look out
for the whale and the sea bore W & N

Tues 28th Strong gales at 4 AM. Hauled the whale along side to
see how she looked and if the nose were in fact as good as
more moderate commenced to get ready for cutting in at
11 AM & ready and while working on to the piece call
ed the Blawser piece. I slipped backwards and to prevent
me from falling down the whole caught at the five
sail of the main mast but took hold of a boarding
knife that the Fourth mate held in his hand and
cut 3 of my fingers off all but the skin on their backs
I was taking down into the cabin & my hand washed
the wounds sewed up and dressed. O poor unfortunate me
this is a bad days work for me. I then went to my
room in as much pain as I could endure and you may
imagine my thoughts a young man with nothing but
to go to sea for a livelihood and 3 of my fingers cut off on the
Left hand. This entered my mind at times and will
never forget the pains of body for a little while

Mon 4th Tues 5th and Wed 6th Stormy breezes and foggy weather. Hands
employed trying out oil and as for me I am enduring
the pain with all the fortitude I can muster this morning
the 6th the Doctor and Capt. undressed my hand and found
that third finger had mortified and turned black. They
thought it best to cut it off to the first joint to save as
much of the finger as possible and at 10 they operated and it
brought them up they are very painful and tender
and now I have got to nurse them as a baby

Journal of Shipwreck on a Mission from
the Pacific Coast, Cruising in the Sea of Japan

July 7th 8th 9th and 10th 1848 These last four days has been fine
weather with the exception of once in a while foggy
but on the 8th the ship's boat got a whale and to-
day the Fourth whale got one. The doctor and capt-
ain had me wash & thought about cutting my finger
off altogether. I told him that the one that was
mortified would be cut off and the doctor got the
Sawyer and Union's out and began to operate
and while he was gone into this room after some other
Sawyer I cut my finger off to the first joint. Tied
the wound and when he came back he was
very much put out of humour he dressed me up
again and I went away to my room to see and
think of the money on the silver that had been over-
board. 11th Fine weather and another whale was seen. I
saw the boat on the 11th but the ship was not
but Mr Thomas the doctor was not to be seen
for he got his line fouled and could not work. The
boat this made him very vexed and he cut my
fingers appear to be healing all but the one that
is mortified and this is still black but I do not
get any higher up in the bone. Swallow is in blood
with a matter every morning.

Thurs 14th Fine weather my hand is very troublesome and
than another finger more it still being out night
thick fog until about 10 o'clock then it cleared
up and sets down about 4 in the afternoon.

Friday 15th Windy fog all day. Saw a school of whales
and windy and raw weather my fingers are very
painful and cold. To day I have to keep them wrapped
up in a comforter to keep them warm.

Sat 16th Fine breeze and clear weather at 3 PM
I saw a school of 4 whales toward the boat and
Mr Thomas got one brought him alongside and made
him pass down away again and got another and
one of them got none. He is the man.

Journal of H. B. S. on a Whaling voyage
in the "Vigil" - Commencing in the Harbor

June 25th A fair day. Fine clear weather. In the forenoon the
Western Shore Light 23 miles and stood clear in sight
in the forenoon. Saw no whales. Had some oil cleaning
bone and repairing a good boat. Out in the forenoon
the officers are feeling quite well. The weather is
fine and the sea is calm. The ship will
see any use to me at present.

June 26th Commences with fine weather and gentle breezes from
N.W. Have seen no whales to day. Hands employ'd cleaning
bone. The whale feed is now on the top of the wall
and the whales have left it and gone to the Northward.
June 27th First fair fine breezes and clear weather. Wind from
N.E. Hands employ'd at the bone as for my part
I am in good health of body but very low spirited.
My fingers are perfectly stiff and very tender. I
that I was home to have them dressed.

June 28th All of these 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. Saw
no whales to day at 4 P.M. Spoke the Ship
Miner's Smith of New Bedford 22 months out with
two thousand three hundred barrels of whale oil.

June 29th Fine weather and gentle breezes saw no whales to
day. Hands employ'd drying bone. My fingers are
nearly healed up but they are stiff and an ache.

June 30th Thick foggy weather. no whales to day. Being in
the S. Sea another day in a line over me.

June 31st Clear weather and fresh breezes but no whales
to be seen. The Capt. consulted his Officers about going
further west and they all agree to his proposal
going into the Sea of Okhotsk. This sea lies
between the Sea Kurile Islands and Saghalien Island
Kamtschatka and the East coast of Russia and from here
we pass through between Jerse Island and
Saghalien Island into the Sea of Japan and out into
the Sea of Okhotsk. I am intending to take a
look into the channel of the sea between Saghalien
Island and the Tartary coast. The whales seem to go there in winter.

Journal of Ship Arthur in a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the Sea of Japan
Capt. D. Coffin

August 1st 1847 Fine weather and fresh breezes from S.W. at 2 P.M.
Saw Whales towed the boats and got on, and boats
saw two Ships off the Sea bow running to the S.E.

Sat the 1st 1847 at

Tuesday 2nd Fine clear weather and fresh breezes from S.W. Saw
the coast of Japan long dist. 15 miles also saw the Strait
of Saghalien bearing East. Steering S.E.

Wednesday 3rd Clear weather and gentle breezes Saw the Japanese
Island, Still Steering to the S.E. under Aft
Sail looking for Whales Saw some making a passage to the S.E.

Thursday 4th Fresh breezes and clear weather Saw the Sun on both
Sides of the Strait found that we were getting well on
into the narrows of the Strait of Saghalien seeing no whale
boat ship and stood out the Strait from the

Friday 5th Strong breezes and thick fog. My fingers very cold and
stiff than all previous days. Still under Aft

Sunday 6th Moderate breezes and clear Saw the land on the Westing the
also saw Saghalien dist. 4 miles Saw a small boat about
twice if he was my good friend that his boat had all dropped
out and was so broken that he was no good

Sunday 7th Calm tried to get in with on 9th June which lay off
to the Westward of Oesso to get weather but the current ran
so strong that we could not get in with the land

Monday 8th Moderate breezes and fine weather at 2 P.M. the Island of Oesso
dist. 10 miles made craft of water casks and manred two boats and
went then for water on the Island of Oesso

Capt. to go on shore with the Second mate and he gave me 100 yds of
gun powder piece of cloth. But as there was thousands of
above the edges that lay around the Island we landed at 4 P.M.

and found plenty of fresh water filled up our casks and made them
but went to explore the Island found a house with all the apper
necessaries for sailing a large piece of cloth and covered over a little above the

there was a little house built with boiling stones and in side some picture
of Chinese painting and some carved work supposed it to be a place of worship

But a small house built up the back in camp for the night. But
the heat at the my fingers hurt me very much

Journal of a Whaler on a Sailing Vessel
in the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the sea of Japan 1847

Aug 9th 1847 Moderate breeze and clear weather. At 10 AM
started with our vessel and came on board. Arrived at 12 in and
at 12 noon started again on her way to the East. Some of them
were fur Seal but the season is over for the year now we
have a good time about the Cape Horn and elsewhere. The boys
saw a whale skin all day. The ship was very much
and cruised around among the isles and small islands till
23 Seal at half past 4 PM Saw the flag hoisted for us
to come on board. We went and when we got on board found
that it being calm and a strong current had set the ship
close into a rock and still setting her on so we all had to
tow her off and hard work was made of it for if we had
not seen the caplars when we did the ship, no doubt it
would have gone on shore and been wrecked. Luckily
we were able to tow her against the current and at 10 PM
had her out of danger and went on board and hoisted the lights up.

Aug 10th Fine clear weather and smooth sea till 1 PM
Passed through the Perouse Straits between Jesso and
Tophallen Islands into the Bay of Capo St. Jacques. Saw
Junks and several smaller craft. Supposed them to be Japanese
coasters and fisher men. At 5 PM the vessel at anchor
negroes were asked to clean some dishes that had been dirty
since breakfast and he refused to do it. The Capt. ordered
him and he took a carving knife and ran at him and chased
him on deck. The second mate came down and soon
quieted him. Put him in irons and put him down the
ship, run and see him on board and water till the
Negroes nearly got white. He was in the shore for some
time.

Aug 11th Calm fine clear weather with a strong current
setting to the Southward. At 4 PM saw the is to see
the boats and the ship had but got one. Towed him along
side with many a haul and some cut him in
at work trying out again but the hauls long
will it be before we are bound home now I
begin to think about home when my fingers are very sore and
cold. The ship is now dark and the light is not away.

Journal of J. P. Mitchell on a whaling voyage
in the Pacific Ocean, Cruising in the North Sea

- Wednesday 12th Dec 1841 First day of the 54 days being breezy from
SE might almost still in the Straits of Acron. The current kept us there the wind being light through the night and to the E and light through the day and thick fog at 8 AM and a gentle breeze to us let our coffers and the visiting Japanese called at 10 AM Clear weather Saw several Bows and gentle current through to the Westward
- Lat 13th Sight of breezes and clear weather but no whales to be seen saw several Bows and gentle current did not put any of them much employ doing home and Sunday at 10 AM
- Sunday 14th Fine breezes and clear weather at 8 AM Saw Whales toward the boats and the West boat got one towed him along side and cut him in Lat 45° 36' my fingers still very stiff and tender
- Monday 15th Pleasant weather and fine breezes from SW cooper employed setting up stools and repairing Casks hands employed clearing bone and bundling it up
- Tuesday 16th Moderate breezes and thick fog Cooper setting up casks heard plenty of whales blowing but could not see them for the fog Lat 45° 36'
- Wednesday 17th Fresh gales from the SW Ship under two sails Top Sail cooper employed as yesterday
- Thursday 18th Fresh breezes and clear weather at 9 AM Saw whale toward the boats and the West boat got fast but the whale stove the boat the Capt got a boat down from off the barrels over head and carried her to the Second mate and took the Second mates boat put a sail round her and brought her on board the Second mate killed the whale and brought him along side
- Friday 19th Strong breezes and heavy sea at 2 PM saw whales toward the boats the Larboard and Starboard boats got fast and the fourth mate set his whale impaling the first mate who is down and he lost his whale and then went to help the fourth mate with his boat soon they both got loose from the whale and lost him

Journal of Ship & Boat on a whaling voyage
On the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the *Whale* La
Capt. & Co.

Monday 20th December 1847. Fresh breeze and rough sea. Saw no whales
to day. Man is employed blowing down oil and clearing
up the decks and making ready for more oil.
Tuesday 21st Strong breeze and fog hanging about the ship.
at 8 Am saw a school of large Whales. One of the boats
and the mast boat struck one very large one. His
lances were not long enough to kill him. The surface
then being sent the fourth whale on board for a nine
foot lance. Hunt and when the second whale got it
he soon done the business for him. But the whale
had run him about ten miles from the ship
before he turned up and the fog shot down thick
then stayed by the whale for an hour and then
the second and fourth whale started to him. The ship
and left the 1st whale by the whale. we got up the
big gun 14 pounder and loaded her and fired her. The
cooper kept drumming on the heads of the casks to
make the noise up at 11 Am. the fog lighted a little
and the boats found the ship. The second whale got
water and provisions and started for the whale we
could see her from mast-head 11.30 to windward the
fog shot down again and we saw nothing of them
till dark. Then we built a fire on our fore works
and still kept firing the big gun and kept a lookout
on each side of the ship with in 1000 with
their lanterns up and at the Capt was very uneasy
about the safety of his men and officers as it began
to blow by this time quite fresh at 12 mid night
heard them hallow off the lee side we shot
and lost them again but in half an hour saw the
ship and the windward boat saw their
light to windward got the ship a back and
sent a line to them and hallow the whale
along side and made him for the appearance
to be as long as the ship. The men were very tired. no
doubt saw such a large whale paid for their trouble.

Journal of Ship Ethol on a Whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Commencing in the North Sea
Capt. Coffin

- Monday 22nd August 1847 Thick fog and strong gales at 11 light
commenced to cut the whale in the noon very fine his bl-
er was three foot thick in some places at 3 Pm it was
all cut in and commenced to try out
Tuesday 23rd Strong gales and rough sea weather rather bad and
stormy. Saw a number of whales but did not lower for
them as we had as much as we could take care of on board
at 10 Pm heavy gales had to cool down the works and
put the fires out for fear of setting the ship on fire by
the oil dripping over board too under two reefed main
top sail. Spunked out main spence and 3rd top mast
the ship with a heavy sea running
Wednesday 24th Heavy gales and rough sea ship laboured from a heavy
deck load 150 barrels of oil and a great quantity of
bone and other lumber could not get it below and
had to carry sail to keep from drifting to leeward among
the Islands and thick weather
Thursday 25th Still violent gales hands employed tarring the
oil and other movables about the decks the
ship labouring heavily under a cross sea at 12 midnight
stripped a sea and started some of the empty casks on
and some of the oil tarring parties but did not loose
any thing double tacked the oil and cleared up the
decks took in the boats the gale still increasing
Friday 26th Violent gales but the sea more regular heavy
squalls at 2 Pm gale moderate and sea goes down
at 8 Pm quite moderate and smooth commenced to
boil out oil gale still moderating at 9 Pm lower
the 4th coal on the S. E. Coast of Russia Lat 56° 50' N
to day finished trying out and made ready for tow down
Sat 27th Fine weather and smooth sea hands employed stowing
down oil finished stowing down at 10 Pm and found
that the whale had made 200 Barrels of oil
besides about ten barrels we lost by cooling down
the fires and stopping over in sea haze during the
gale

Journal of Ship Titon on a whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. (cruising in the Chukchi Sea)

- Sunday 28th August 1847 Fine clear weather and fresh breezes
Saw the coast of Kamtschatka 20 miles in Lat 47.20
Saw a great number of whale called the californian gray
but not lower for them
- Monday 29th Fine weather and strong breezes at 2 Pm saw whales
bowed the boats and the West boat got one Saw the
land on the Russian coast the Island of Saghalien Lat 46.30
Saw a Ship off the sea came hailing out
- Tuesday 30th Pleasant weather and moderate breezes at daylight
commenced cutting in coming over and stowing down oil
at one - Saw no whales to day Lat 46.20
- Wednesday 31st Fine weather and fresh breezes at 4 Pm took the
Ship Josephine of Tag Harbour ten months from
home had got 1500 Barrels of whale oil Lat 48.30
- Thursday 1st Sep 1847 Strong breezes and clear cold weather hands
employed taking care of Oil I am writing up the
Berimate of Markworth in my Journal Took my
fingers very cold and stiff and troublesome Lat 49.05
- Friday 2nd Blot part fine clear weather hands employed taking
care of Oil and bow latter part foggy and fresh breezes
Ship under Short Sail Lat 48.50
- Sat 3rd Strong breezes and cold weather at 2 Pm saw whales
bowed the boats but we not get any it being rough
and the whales very shy Lat 47.20
- Sunday 4th Fine weather and smooth Sea Saw whales bowed
the whales one very large and cunning did not get
any to day Saw the coast of Kamtschatka Lat 48.25
- Monday 5th Strong breezes and clear weather - saw whales
bowed and chased them all day did not get
any they are very wild and shy the weather is
getting cold and blowy Lat 48.35
- Tuesday 6th Strong breezes and cold weather saw whales
bowed but could not get near to them they
are very wild my fingers are cold and stiff
my hand is useless in cold weather Lat 49.15

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Cruising in the North Sea
Capt J. A. Coffin

- Thurs 7th ¹² Sep 1843 Fresh breezes and clear weather at 4 Pm
Spoke the Ship Sheffield of Cote Spring N.S. 30 months
out from home the Capt bought three casks of Pork
and some beef of us. Lat 50. 29¹/₂ Long 149. 15¹/₂
- Thurs 8th Strong breezes and clear weather Saw several whales
throughout the day lowered 3 times and chased the
but did not get any they were going very quick
towards the N.E. the wind from N West and cold
my fingers are very trouble some
- Friday 9th All of these 24 hours Strong breezes and clear
weather Saw a Ship to windward trying out
and cutting in a whale at the same time
Lat 46. 20¹/₂ Long 149. 28¹/₂ E
- Sat 10th Clear weather and gentle breezes Saw whales
lowered the boats and took one of them the whales
are very large the weather is getting quite cool
my fingers are getting a little better but they are
cold and stiff Lat 45. 10¹/₂ S
- Sunday 11th Light breezes and clear weather at 3 Pm Saw
whales lowered the boats and the Mast boat struck
one the line parted and lost him Lat 47. 50¹/₂ S
- Monday 12th Fresh breezes and clear weather Lat 149. 10¹/₂ E
Saw plenty of whales lowered the boats but
could not get near them they were going very
to windward making a passage
- Tuesday 13th Gentle breezes and clear weather wind N E at
4 Pm Spoke the Ship Cassara of Fay Harbour 21 months
from home you barrels of whale oil
- Wednesday 14th Pleasant gales and fine smooth Sea saw
no whales to day the Capt made up his mind to leave
this ground and start for the Off Shore Japan Spinn Whale
ground and from thence touch at the Bonian Islands and from
there to Sydney New South Wales accordingly at 2 Pm
set all sail and shaped our course for our cruising ground
all hands well and in good spirits but we my fingers trouble
me in mind a little Lat 46. 40¹/₂ S Long 158. 03

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
On the Pacific Ocean. Bound for the Island of Hawaii
Capt Coffin

- Nov 15th 1841 Commences with light breezes from S.W.
dew a head for us no whales to be seen
- Sunday 16th Fine breezes and clear weather wind from
S.W. hands employed at various jobs Lat 45° 22'
- Sat 17th Fresh breezes from S.W. and clear weather
no whales to be seen the Boat Steerers and
Officers fitting Sperm Whale gear Lat 44° 53' - 15° 22' 00'
- Sunday 18th Light breezes and fine weather wind
from West Steering by the wind S.W. by S. Saw no
whales nor signs of any Lat 43° 00' Long 157° 42' E
- Monday 19th Gentle breezes and fine weather wind from
S.E. Steering a course S.W. by S. hands employed
mending sails Lat 41° 15'
- Tues 20th Strong breezes from N.W. Saw no whales
to day very hands very cold and stiff
- Wednes 21st Gale increases with a heavy sea the wind from
N.W. at 4 P.M. Tack in fore and Mizzen Top Sails
and furl the courses at 6 P.M. a violent gale
hove too under close reef Main Top Sail and fore Top
mast Stay Sail at 12 mid it blew a violent
Hurricane or Typhoon as they are called in this
part of the world at 8 A.M. the ship labouring
very much blew up the Main Top Sail and
laid up to furl it. while furling it the volants
of the wind blew the boats up over their davits
and up the weather rigging till their ladders brought
them up. all hands lay down and secure the boats
lost the bow boat off the cranes and stove the Mast
boat got the rest of them in and secured them the
ship laying down on her beam ends got the Main
Top Sail secured then put a looking glass the butt
of the Mizzen Top sail loose the hawse and set it
close stowed with a tarpaulin in the mizzen rigging
gale still increases the weather extremely dark ship
labours and leaks a heavy leak took of 200 bbl of Oil but well
secured and washed

Journal of Ship Athol on a whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Bound for the Offshore Japan
Coff - Coffin

Thursday 22nd Dec 1847; A Perfect Hurricane or Typhoon the
drive like a Snow drift - the Ship lying down on her
beam ends pumps constantly attended too along
in a heavy cross Sea running several Leas border
us on the lea bow but did but little damage
store in some of the ball works and started some
of the empty casks that were lashed on deck
midnight - In weather latter part then sea more
regular but tremendous the gale still raging
furiously the Ship laboring much and makes latter

Friday 23rd The Hurricane - Still raging in all its
fury and Sea running mountains high the Ship
squeaking and ringing like an old sledge in
a rough road in a frosty morning at 4 PM the
gale commences to abate a little but close reef
main Top Sail at 6 PM violent gusts of wind
carried away the Perch of the m Top Sail yards clewed
it up and lashed the yard and set the sail again
mid the gale completely broke the clouds began
to open at 8 AM carpenter making new Rnc for
the Top sail yard sent it up and rigged the yard again

Sat 24th At 1 PM set double reef sails and courses and jib
Spanker and Top Sail the gale moderating but still
equalley with a heavy Sea running mid gale freshen
at 2 PM in the evening into Bone and Mizzen Top
Sails fished the main sail and took in jib & Spanker

Sunday 25th more moderate at 1 PM set 34th 34th
Brook out the three and two reefs and set main
Top all but Tail jib Spanker and main course
the Ship lurches but little the pumps attended to

Monday 26th Strong breezes and clear weather hands employ
rying bone bundling it up and stowing it away
good look out kept for Whales but none of them
be seen during the gale I done my duty about
the Ship but my fingers were of great detriment
me Sat 33rd 4th

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
in the Pacific Ocean. On the Off. from Japan Cap 2 off

- Oct 27th 1843 Fine weather and moderate breeze and fine
Sea took out at the mast heads by the Jangans no
whales to be seen hands employed at various jobs 32.02
- Oct 28th Light breezes and clear weather good lookouts
at the mast head but no whales hand employed at sundry
jobs Scrimshawing and mending canvas &c large fishers
Oct 29th Strong breezes and partly cloudy and threatening app-
earance of the weather Wind from South and a heavy sea
heaving from S.W. hands employed securing the bil and lashing
the things about the decks at 10 Am took in light Sails
- Oct 30th Heavy gales from South at 1 Pm two reefs S. and
main Sails at 3 Pm close reef the top Sails took
in fine Sails main Sails gibs and Parrels a heavy sea running
at 4 Pm distant gales took in fore top Sails and hove to
under close reef main & mizzen top Sails at 8 gale increasing
took in mizzen top Sails at 9 Pm a perfect storm came
took in main top Sails and lay too with a tarpaulin in
the mizzen rigging a tremendous sea running the ship's
labours must be more than usual hands constantly
attended too gale still increasing Sat 31.00
- Nov 1st 1843 Foggy & stormy the Sea quite smooth and
the drift of the gale is so thick that it is impossible
to keep ones eyes open the ship lay down on her beam
ends so the Capt. eyes are under water, men washed the
sides under and to the wheel and pumps at 8 Pm made
water of the air violent east of wind & a mass of water
a sea over the weather quarter and carried away the mast
and a coil of 3 inch rope lashed on the mast over the stern gale
still increases at midnight washed away the sea quarter
boat (Jangans boat) all hands on deck but take care
the fore castle takes and a heavy water the ship
seems to work twist and ring as a person in pain the
Sea is quite smooth the violence of the wind blows
the top off of the Cu and in noon day it is nearly as
much as midnight - and the sea of the gale increasing

Journal of Shipwreck on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean, Cruising on the off-shore Japan
Capt. Coffin

Sunday 3rd Oct 184th Hurricane still raging the pumps still at
the Old Ship grows Struggles and woe the hard to keep her
Self above the water with 200 barrels of oil on deck and
50 lbs of water besides the Sea water making a heavy
load at 12 midnight the gale was at its height and
the elements looked fearful the Sea one continued
spasmodic of fire and the roar of the gale was so loud that
one could not hear another person speak along side of
him and the Sea drift as thick as torrents of rain
perfectly blinding at 1 AM the gale began to
break and moderate the Sea began to rise and now
the Ship seems to labour more and more at 6 AM
Let down main Top Sail at 9 AM let down mizzen
and 3rd Top Sail the wind at 29.43

Monday 3rd 10 AM moderates and Sea continues to run more
high at 2 PM the clouds began to rise and the
looked like mountains on tops of mountains just
clear of our mast heads the night was dark and
dreary but the gale gradually moderating at
midnight let down 2nd Top Sail 5th and Spent at 9 AM let
down 2nd Top Sails and main Course whole fore Sail

Tuesday 4th Strong gales and finer weather Lat 28° 30'
at 4 PM let down gallant Sails the weather still
fine but the Sea still runs as if it would swallow up
the Ship the pumps constantly at work Lat 29°

Wednesday 5th Fresh breezes and fine weather Sea more smooth
hands employed repairing the damages of the
in this gale I found that I could use my hand quite
to advantage the my fingers are perfectly stiff and
quite tender they are better than I expected to be
in which makes me feel in good hopes Lat 24° 11'

Thursday 6th Strong breezes from E. S. attended with heavy
breeze and a heavy Sea running from E. S. with the

Friday 7th Equally strong weather with rough Sea running E. S.
intending to leave this ground as soon as possible

Journal of trip & other on a whaling voyage
in the Pacific Ocean. Passage towards the Pacific Islands

- Monday 8th Calm light breeze from E. Sailing 33° E a mile but
out left for water but no whales seen. Capt. Cook, Surgeon &
the mate and my self took one also the capt. caught one
a week is one the lat by Chrono 21° 36' Long 154° 58' E
Tuesday 9th Strong breeze and fine weather wind from S.E. Steering
by the wind Surboard tack on board Saw nothing of
whales and now making our way towards the Pacific Islands
by the way of the Magellan Archipelagoes Ladron
Island and Caroline Islands and Solomon Islands
Wednesday 10th Light breeze from South to S.E. and rainy
Saw no whales to day my fingers are getting quite
hard but they are perfectly stiff my hand is
pining away and it is not as strong as before
Thursday 11th Commences with moderate lat 17° 34' E
breeze and fine weather wind from S.E. hands emp-
loyed fore and main Top gallant rigging sent to
masts up and set the rigging up and rigged out
the jib boom and bent the sail
Friday 12th Light breeze from South with rainy weather
no whales hands variously employed lat 17° 47' E
Saturday 13th Fine breeze from S.E. hands employed mending
sails andundry other jobs. Lat 16° 17' E
Sunday 14th Gentle breeze from S.E. Steering S.E. Hands
employed atundry jobs Lat 15° 03' E
Monday 15th Fresh breeze from E.S.E. and clear fine weather
hands at work bundling up bone Lat 13° 35' E
Tuesday 16th Light breeze from E.N.E. and heavy squalls
of rain Steering South at 12 mid heavy squalls
split rigging jib took it in Lat 11° 29' E
Wednesday 17th Fine breeze from N.E. and clear weather being
S.E. hands employed drying and bundling bone Lat 9° 38' E
Thursday 18th Light breeze from N.E. Steering S.E. fine
weather hands employed drying bone and bundling
it up Stowing it down between decks and stowing
down Oil between decks Lat 8° 00' E

Journal of Ship Ethol on a Whaling voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Passage Towards Pitney, N. B.

Wednesday^{19th} Oct 1847 Commences with light breezes from
N.E. at 11 AM Saw the Island of Assention
bearing S.E. Dist 40 miles Lat. 8.50 This Island
is one of the Caroline group the natives are friendly

Thurs 20th Calm attended with heavy squalls of rain
Assention bearing S.E. by P Dist 32 miles here we
intend to stop and recruit water and vegetables
latter part wind strong from S.E.

Friday 22nd Moderate breezes from S.E. and a strong e
at 9 AM 5 canoes with about 20 natives
and two white men came off from the Island
and came on board the chief and his two sons
were also in the canoes at 11 AM 3 of the canoes
left and started for the shore the chief and his
sons stayed on board they sang for us their war song
and danced their war dances the two young chiefs
were tall wore long hair and looked as noble as a
Prince they were supple and active and no doubt
in the battle were fierce and brave

Sat 23 Clear weather and moderate breezes at 9 AM
there came off about 20 canoes they all came
on board to see their chief and brought him
Sugar cane and Carvo (a kind of liquor made
from the roots of an herb it will intoxicate
and produce an effect of drowsiness) they brought
a great deal of stuff to trade for tobacco and
clothes the chief got his meals with the Captain

Sun 24th Fine weather at 2 PM started with a raft
of water-casks and two boats for the Island attended
with the chief and about 30 canoes at 9 PM landed
on the N^W side of the Island one of the white men
took us to his house and gave us our supper bread fruit
and yams and coconuts milk five of us went to the
chief's house and stayed all night they sang and danced to amuse
us and then they gave us our beds a mat and tappa blanket

Journal of Ship Editor on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. At the Friendly Islands

Monday 25th Oct 1847 Calm all day on Shore the ship
28 miles off shore (scullers) filled our water and
then took a walk round through the the Settlements
and villages their houses are built of bamboo thatched with
pines and glass the eaves project over about 10 feet and
the gables about the same distance the walls of their
houses is an openwork of bamboo and some of them have
mats tied or fastened at the top one side and in some
we saw them let them down they are perfectly
tight and comfortable. The men are tall good
featured and smooth skinned they wear a grass skirt
tied round their waist and hangs down to their knees in
a broad belt woven very neatly of a dog an pine
cobbars around their waist also and a grass tippet over
their shoulders the women are small good looking and
none of them exceed four foot high they make
the mats that they use for beds and carve their
canoes and paddles they try to make one constant
ie when you go into their houses the men fill their
pipes and smoke them round to all in the house to
take a draw and they expect you to do the same the
women wear a grass tippet over their shoulders and a gella
band round their head to keep their hair smooth they
wind a bout six yards of tappa or cloth round their
loins and let the two ends hang down behind and before
we were treated with the great respect and treated very
kind they tried to amuse us by singing dancing and
winning us all the curiosities they could think of and
when night came the chief sent for us and made
us welcome at his house for the night again and
if any one wanted to stop anywhere else he
would give them a pass a kind of protection and
a guide he also tried to amuse us through the
evening called a great number of his natives to the
house and many boys danced and sang and went to

Journal of Ship Pilot on a Station voyage
On the Pacific Ocean. Wintering at Oahu
Capt. Coffin

December 26 Not 15th Light airs and calm. The Ship at
Eight miles off shore tried to pass our weather
castles but there was such a heavy sea on the beach
that we stove several of them and had to give
it up and Stoppe with the natives another
night. By this time the villagers began to get
acquainted with us and persuaded some of our
Ship's company to Stop with them. The third man
and Carpenter fell in love with one of the
native women and stopped on this Island to live
the life of an Indian away from Society friends in
the world. I liked the people very well for to
at but had rather live in Old Barrington than
here and have the princess for my wife.

December 27th Thus may live this life of the here but it is
the life for me for this morning I took a walk
round with some of the natives. I saw an Englishman
but had been living amongst those people about 20 years
he was a running slave all over him from a kind of
Leprosy some of the women dress themselves up in
all their fancy tacklin when they found they had
caught two of our Ship's company. I suppose to notice
others they use their necks decorated off with beads
and fancy headbands and tupper and find us very handsome
They live altogether on bread fruit - yams coconuts
bananas and fish there are plenty of Tortois on
this Island we started with our water and
got alongside about 3 Pm also brought off
3 boat loads of yams bread fruit and bananas
we traded with the natives tobacco for fuel
till we had on board 25 dozen being 25 several of the
cigars and Tortois Shell and other Shell and at 7 Pm
had all our water in and stowed made sail and
steamed out to sea where we were to the natives and left
them to take care of them selves.

Journal of Ship Athol on a Trading Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. From Boston Towards Brazil & Home
Capt. J. C. Coffin.

Wed 28th October 1846 Light breezes and clear weather. The
beautiful Vision of St. John's Hill in sight bearing N.W. 1/2
Dist 40 miles This is a beautiful Island in dead water is about
30 miles long and 15 broad it has a coral reef surrounding it
about 3 miles from the shore and inside of the reef is the harbor
between that and the shore the water is deep enough
for any ship there is a channel through the
reef into the inner harbor the land is high
but not very broken the terra fruit is ripe on
this Island the year round the people are somewhat
industrious and have a taste for cultivation they plant
Bananas and Tarrow Yucas and Cocoanuts. The
cocoanut in many places grows spontaneous they are
a happy people but I will not find the Gospel preached
to them yet they are still in their primitive state

Thurs 29th Moderate breezes and a clear weather. A
saw a ledge of rocks off the seaward side of the harbor
laid down on the charts or in any of our books the ledge
is about 1/4 of a mile long and 200 yards wide with five or
six of the rocks out of water we passed it in 3 miles of
its land employed mending sails about from N.E.

Star 30th Fine fresh breezes from N.E. Sat 31st
and clear fine weather. Evening N.E. 10 12

Sunday 31st Gentle breezes and variable with passing squalls
a good look out kept to day for a while as we are in
a good latitude for them and all hands work as if they
could fight a battle now with a gun boat for 4.500

Monday 1st Nov 1846 Commences with light breezes and clear
clear weather at 5 AM Saw Strong's Island bearing
N.W. 1/2 Dist 30 miles at 7 AM Sun in view and
intending to land here and procure more water if possible
at 9 AM Strong's Island and rain still falling in
for the land this Island looks more fertile and
more favorable the appearance of it from the ship than
we have ever seen yet

Journal of Ship and on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. At Strong Island, for water
Monday 2nd Nov-1842. Light breezes and squally at 1 P.M. the ship
sailed and about 20 natives came off in their canoes. They
had a white man in their canoes for an interpreter
at 5 P.M. sent a raft of casks on shore with two boats
at 9 P.M. landed and made the raft fast and the
went up to the Chiefs house and stopped all night
in the morning filled our water and got all ready
to go on board and then took a walk round through the
village we fell in with an English man who had
left here in an English Whale Ship and he wanted to
go to Sydney with us. He took us around and showed
all the villages and villages & gave the harbour is a
fine clear and good water as ever I was in in my
The natives are a savage looking set of copper colored
They go perfectly naked except women of 15 years
of age they wear a Shirt on back the chief is an
old man of 50 years with one son when his Subge
approach him they must crawl on hands and knees
they build fine large houses of bamboo and live
very comfortable but they are a suspicious looking
set about 2 years ago there was two ships in the
for food and water. The natives were massacred
all hands and burned the ships their remains
are to be seen now in the harbour but since
that time the Old chief has repented and said
that his people would not do that or any such
actions again and wanted the ships to come and get
what they want from the Island and asked our
people to send missionaries to his Island so
men would be better men for said he they
are very bad men he could speak English
very well. we saw them weaving their belts and
making mats the women do all the work except
fish and build canoes they do not plant any plants
this Island coconut and bananas grow spontaneously

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Passage towards Sidney N.S.W.

- Monday 3rd Nov^r 184th Fresh breezes and sunny weather at 11 AM
Started with the water - at noon got underway and
it in and made sail and stood off shore on our course for
Sidney took a passenger from this Island for Sidney
Tues 4th Light moderate and variable frequent showers
of rain at 7 PM Saw this land Dist 30 miles
Wed 5th Light airs and heavy rains at 4 PM the Island,
Saw N.S.W. Dist 40 miles
Thurs 6th Moderate variable winds and cloudy, hands various
employed a good look out kept as this is a good ground for
whales and I feel anxious to have another sight of them
Fri 7th Strong breezes from East and South Sea all sail set
hands employed mending sails Sat 8th 13th PM
Sat 8th Fine fine knot breeze and clear weather Sea remarkable
Smooth the ship does not seem to move only ahead as if she
was in a Pond took a Sun alt Obs Sat 1st 8th Long by 164th 00
Sund 9th Fresh breezes and clear wind from N.E. Saw a great number
of Finback whale and Porpoise Sat 00th 20th Long by 164th 30
Mon 10th Strong breezes at 8 AM Saw sperm whales lowered
down the boats and after them we go as I was getting
into the boat the Capt told me to stop on board and
work ship while he stopped at mast head so I had to
stay and tack and haff tack till the whale was brought
along side and made fast
Tues 11th Commenced cutting in the whale at daylight 5 AM
and at 9 AM had him all cut in and commenced to
boilout the whale is small but fat. Sat 00th 15th 00
Wed 12th Light breezes and clear weather Steering S.E. wind
from S.E. hands employed trying out oil at 11th
Thurs 13th Moderate breezes from S.E. hands employed
cleaning ship, tacking oil and sundry other jobs
Fri 14th Light breezes from S.E. and fine weather Ship
all cleaned and all hands ready to take the another
Sat 15th whale a good look out kept at mast head the
fact toward was let out of Spout to the wind and sent to the duty
as a portman hand he looks mighty poor

Journal of Ship. Athol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Passage Towards Sydney N.E. W.
Cape Coffin

Sunday 15th Nov. 1847 Commenced with light breezes from
N.E. & S.W. S.E. hands employed in getting
up 4 1/2 m cleared up decks for Sunday Lat 4° 20'

Monday 16th Strong breezes and clear weather wind from North. S.W.
hands employed in getting down riggers Lat 4° 30'

Tues 17th Fresh breezes from N.E. & S.W. S.E. hands employed
in getting down riggers Lat 5° 17' Long 165° 13' E

Wed 18th Light breezes from S.E. Mast head well manned
lookouts by the riggers are on the watch for the place
is noted for sperm whales and we are anxious to get
more oil before going in to port and no signs of them
to day - and we are getting very near to Sydney Lat 6° 16'

Thurs 19th Light baffling winds from E.S.E. hands employed in
ing, riggers Top Sail and Main Top Sail set 7.45 Lat 6° 29'

Friday 20th Fine fresh breezes from S.E. at 6 PM made Volcanoe
Island one of the New Hebrides the Island is not in
a state of eruption at present Lat 8° 54' S Long 164° 19' E

Sat 21st Fine fresh breezes and clear weather at 4 PM Volcanoe
Island bore S.E. Dist 21 miles this day we altered and call
it Sunday as we did not alter the day when we crossed
one hundred and eighty degree longitude when bound from
the Sandwich Islands to the Japan Sea and Morning that

Sun 21st our day would not agree with the calendar of days in
Sydney we have kept Sat as Sunday so we have lost one
day by sailing East but will gain again when we cross
180° bound home Lat 9° 54' Long by Lunar 164° 44'

Mon 22nd Fine breezes and clear weather wind from N.E. & S.W.
Saw a greater quantity of porpoises and finback whale 11.30

Tues 23rd Heavy squalls at 1 PM Split S. Top gallant sail parted, jib
guards took in the light sails and two reefs the top sails took in

Wen 24th at 2 PM Set jib and Spanker hauled aloft repairing Top gallant Sail
at 3 PM Set Top gallant Sails again continues squalls at 10 PM a heavy

Small Split Top gallant Sails again we bent them and sent them down
and sent a new top the navigation is very particular about them

as there is a great many coral reefs and shoals and coral reefs Lat 10° 47'

Journal of Ship Whol on a Whaling Voyage Capt. [unclear]
In the Pacific Ocean. Passage toward Sidney Harbour.

- Mon 24th Dec 1845 First part of three S. breeze from E.S.E. with heavy squalls of wind and rain at 8 AM. Took in fore and main top gallant sails and flying jib.
- Tues 25th continues squally through the day. Lat 16° 4' Long 162° 45' E.
- Wed 26th Heavy squalls from E.S.E. at 1 PM breeze moderates and finer with - Set top gallant sails and 3 jib in fore top sail - at the most - hunt for seals and holes as we are now among them they are very numerous about these islands.
- Thurs 27th Fine breeze from S.E. with a heavy sea from South - at 3 PM Set all sail a fine fresh breeze on the quarter and now she lies off. She walks the water like a thing of life. And with what swiftness like grace she seems to glide. One the brightest beam of the silvery tide. Lat 20° 03' Long 161° 24' E.
- Fri 28th Fresh breeze from S.E. at 11 AM the wind hauled to S by N. Tacked ship and stood to the Eastward by the wind moderate and puffing at 3 PM the wind broadened us from the S.E. Tacked ship again and stood to the S. When hands employ setting main top sail. Lat 21° 45' E.
- Sat 29th Fine breeze and clear weather - heading by the starboard by 11 PM wind hauled to the Eastward Set fore top mast Studding sail. Latter part breeze freshens.
- Sund 30th Fresh breeze from E.S.E. Lat 23° 44' Long 159° 50' middle and latter part wind move to the Eastward at 12 midnight braced up the yards and stood to the - at 2 AM wind East Squared on the yards and ran away large steering S by W. Lat 25° 15' Long 157° 00'
- Mon 31st Fine fresh breeze and cloudy at 3 PM Set fore topmast Studding sail Set topmast back Stages up middle part squalls with light rain - at 5 PM the wind hauled N N W hauled down the sails and set them on the Starboard side breeze freshens and the sky weather very smothery weather must be getting close by Sidney Harbour. It is out for while as this is good ground - whale ground - a bounty up for the man that - raises the first whale. Lat 27° 05' Long 157° 10'

Journal of Ship Athol on a Whaling Voyage
In the Pacific Ocean. Passage Towards Sidney N. S. W.

Wednesday 1st Decem 1843 First part of these 24 hours moderate breezes from Northward and from southerly weather middle part breeze freshens and becomes more westerly at 8 AM took in 3rd m. and Mizzen Top gallant Sails Flying Jib and Spanker and some Topmast Studding Sail and braced in the rigging at 11 AM the wind came back to North East and Sail again with a good breeze Steering S. S. W. however the log and sound show going 9 1/2 knots That is all

Thursday 2nd Strong breezes and baffling at 12 noon took in 3rd and Mizzen Top gallant Sail Topmast Studding Sail Flying Jib and Spanker at 3 PM the wind had E. S. E. took in Top to the 1st Top. in night Set 3rd and Mizzen Top gallant Sails Flying Jib and Spanker at 5 AM breeze freshens took in 3rd and Mizzen 3rd and Sails Flying Jib and Spanker Steering by the wind Starboard Tack on board. Latitude Lat 30.18 - 187

Friday 3rd Fine breezes from E. S. E. at PM Set Top gallant Sails Flying Jib and Spanker at 11 PM the wind came to the Eastward squared in the rigging and Set 3rd Sails Steering S. S. E. rather part more moderate hand complied with the main 3rd sail and set 3rd main sheet open at the mast head Lat 31.18

Sat 4th Moderate breezes from E. S. E. Steering S. S. E. with a heavy swell heavy Sea at 6 AM saw 3 sperm whales and no for it who shall get one there will be cutting and carving to stay lowered the boats and this time I got into the Starboard Boat as the weather last down and the captain was almost dead we saw one of them turn up this is the first whale since a bad one finger cut and I do not see but what stands as well as ever took him along. Saw and moved him the other boats saw a whole of them to windward in fact, and saw another whale here too close to the ship to see the collar for the boats to come back lowered down the Starboard boat again and in half an hour had another whale dead the two for me in 3 hours good luck this time and it is the first

Journal of Ship Whose on a Whaler voyage
On the Pacific Ocean. Passage from Sydney to the

Sunday 5th Decr 1843 Fine weather at 2 Pm commenced cutting in the
Whale and at 6 Pm had run out in good quarters and then
all night at 11 Pm commenced cutting in the other - and
at 11 Pm commenced trying out the Oil all hand but
some cutting up the front and others hauling the carcass about
14 miles from Sydney.

Monday 6th Fine weather at 1 Pm two sails the top sails
took in main sail at 4 Pm. It was a fine day and we
to the N.W. with a good look out at the coast and
for whales steering away from Sydney coast to get our
whales hauled out in deep clean before going into port.

Tuesday 7th Fine weather and smooth water. all hands
employed trying out and keeping mash hauled &c. at
6 Pm wore ship at 7 Pm finished trying out
commenced to clean ship and get ready to go into port.
all hands well and in good spirits. These two whales
have made 90 barrels of Oil.

Wednesday 8th Fine breeze and clear weather at 2 Pm squared
the yards and made all sail steering to the N.W.
at 4 Pm hoisted the yards and hoisted the top
on both coopers Oil and the water below cleaning the
decks and getting every thing ready to go in to port
expecting to make the land by 1 O'clock tomorrow.

Thursday 9th Fine fresh breeze at 12 noon saw the Coast of New
Holland 21 miles dist. at 1 Pm saw the light house which
stands on a high head of land on the far shore and going into the

at 4 Pm took on board a Sydney Pilot and at 5.30 Pm came to with both
anchors in 16 fathoms of water about the governors house
Sydney Harbour about two cables length from the shore.
The Pilot told us when he came on board of an accident that
had occurred this forenoon the death of the governors wife.
She had been out of town on a visit and returning home the horse
in away the coach capsize killed the Gov's wife. Each man saw
an Ensign break the Governors arm and some slight bruises
and paid our last respects to the dead wife. The rest of

Harbour Journal of Ship. Atol at Sidney. Ill.
Recapitulating and Recruiting Ship for another Voyage.

Thursday, 10th Civil time December 184th This morning fine
weather and fresh breezes after washing decks &c.
I went up a loft and had a fine view of Sidney and
vicinity. The Harbour is one of the best in the
world it is 4 miles from the Head the mouth of
the Harbour to the Green and when sailing up it is
one can have as fine a view of country, hills and cottages
as in any other part of the world it is the country for
Flours and while sailing up this harbour - even breeze the
blowers from the Shore is fragrant with the bloom of a
thousand flowers The Sit is situated on a point it has
two ports to it viz Darling Harbour and Sidney Cove
situated New South W. and R. River District. Capt. [unclear]
go ashore - and he gave his consent if men went on shore
last night. The Capt went on Shore to day and inquired
a boarding and lodging for me in the American Hotel
as I intended to have my two stiff fingers cut off took my
wife and two children on Shore this afternoon I did not
go ashore to day as the Capt was not ready to attend to
the amputation of my fingers.

Friday 10th Fine clear weather at 8 AM went on shore and had
a walk round through the Town was much pleased
with the City it seems quite strange to hear the
people in the Straits talk English as it had been
thirty years since we had been into a port where
English was spoken got our dinner at a Hotel
called Boo Base's Stopped on shore & finally to land
in the morning went on board.

Saturday 11th Clear weather and gentle breeze still blowing in the
breeze to day went on Shore to have a walk found that all
business would be suspended to day an account of the death
of Lady Mary Pitt. Poor Deane the Spenser wife was
to be buried at 3 PM all the Church bells toll and the
Ship in Port ran their flags half mast this day was beautiful
all the people in Sidney rich and poor.

Wrote our journal of Ship Tides at Sidney New S.W. Wales
Discharging Cargo the coffee in the December Ship for another voyage

Wednesday 22nd December 1847. Fine clear day and a good
healthy breeze at 4 o'clock left the Hill and went to
meet Mr. Cullins and when I found Capt. Coffin and Mr.
Mr. Donald and Ship Deck waiting for me they took me
into an inner room and Mr. Donald in a chair the Capt.
asked me if I was now willing to have my fingers amputated
and if not to stay so and I need not be operated on I told
him to cut them off they are no use to me as they
are and they had better be gone. Then Mr. Cullin and Mr.
other then let me down in the Surgery, a fair I said in
my hand on to my knee and then some Barber then off
bound them up and I went back to the Hill and lay
down on the Sofa at dinner - I sat down to eat
something and then the two Mr. Doctors came in half down
and called me away from the table and on board my hand
I had not fainter through all the operations till they
took the soap off my fingers and it hurt me so that I
fainted away the Landlady's daughter - and the house
keeper came and led me to a room and lay me down on
a bed but gave me something to smell of to bring me
too those girls I am much indebted to for their kind
and attention to me did not sleep much tonight.

Thurs 23rd This is a beautiful morning I was aroused from a
sleep by the ring of the breakfast bell and it took
me a half hour to dress myself and washing I will not
say anything about after I had made my toilet
I came down stairs and breakfast was over but the girls
had saved mine warm for me I had to have my mouth
cut up for me and every thing prepared for my fork
or spoon this Anna says this Land Lord's daughter
brought for me and left and waited on me till I had finished
my breakfast then she washed and I saw her hand
now do you not think she was nice and I think
she deserves a kiss and she was a Princess who she
she got it or not but she was a very nice girl

Hearsey's Journal of Shipwreck on a Trading Voyage
In Sydney N.S. Wales discharging cargo and reoffering, Capt Coffin

Saturday 25th December 1843 Still fine pleasant weather. There are
good attendance and are getting quite well. The children
are. I have partly been out of town in the walk this
last 3 days. The Capt calls every morning to see me
he has asked me to come to see his wife and children
as soon as I am able to go out. They are looking on
the private house from across the street. I shall
call on them soon. Now this is Christmas morning
and in this place it is kept very quiet.
They have been getting up Christmas trees and I saw
all this last week and if I could have a kiss under
the Christmas tree it will be a curious thing to me.
Christmas Eve we have had a beautiful day and have had
beautiful fun too. There has been 3 young ladies here who
spent their Christmas and we all have had a good time. I am
getting quite the jolliest amongst them. Had to see one
of them home this evening. I wonder what they are doing
at home by this time. What that is along way off and
I have not heard from them for many years. I do
not know whether there is any body that I was for
one or not but I have one thing when I left home
I hope that I had for me and I for them and if they
no longer think of me it is natural. I am sure I shall
be glad and thank you for them or those I have loved.

Sunday 26th This morning I was very well and went to church.
Perhaps as the day had become I heard the minister
pray for Mrs Quere and all her family. I hope
and I suppose she must be as well as the rest of the
Colonies. I saw the Capt after church he had been to
the Methodist Church and was going home after dinner.
Took a walk with the sand-lomb daughter and son and a
lady friend of theirs around the Government House and
Gardens and spent quite a pleasant afternoon and came
home to tea. Had tea and talking more than will
do for the time or for the year.

Journal of Sidney laid up with a Sore Throat
() January 1848

Satur 1st Mine clear Sunshine day and a great day for fun
the Horse races comes off to day and I am going as yet
I am to ride a cat and rode out to the Farm but see you
got a Seal in the Grand Stand and had a good view Sam Dick
was one of the horses names he run well and killed himself
one of the horses of the mounted Police killed a mans
face to pieces he was a Sailor and it is no matter
well we had a good day for the girls of the house were
all there and we all had dinner together in a tent

Thurs 6th This is the last day of the races I have been to
them all to day is a Hopel chase and a country race
every man rides his neighbour Don Yu and the one that
gets in last gets the Prize de Grand, this is new one
to me and I enjoyed it you may depend

Thurs 20th These last fourteen days I have been at my little
and have had a good time to day is the afternoon
the second race in my life last he gets the house
and in a boat to see the boat race The Cable made
and the ramble Eng man of the cars their starting posts
we took dinner on on Island that lays in the harbour
of Sidney had a good time and got some of the
meat to the doctor &c &c &c

Thurs 26th My fingers are all healed up the Capt came to
see me last night and asked me to go to work in the
tail loft to repair our old sails so this morning I left
the house and went at work repairing sails this came
a little hard to me at first after so long a spell but

Sunday 30 This afternoon I was down to see the cat and his little dog
little Mary (Cats) poor thing she is very little the sup-
me to sit up with her and I did so the poor thing she does
not move me. I have got the ship most all repaired
and the ship is got all her cargo and on Monday
I am going to fill her leaving down the 13 she is going
to be here out to coffee the more is the better
My wife and late second wife is shipwrecked and the house is
is going to be a second wife.

My dear journal of Trip Atol. at Sydney 1843
February 1843

Monday 1st Employed getting the boats to leave the ship with this morning the Capt. told me to go down mate and see how the advice and wanted me to take charge of the Landing down the boats and getting the heavy down boats as the mate had to see to the getting of all the Stores and Cabin furniture on shore & the Second mate was away on leaf of absence. I talked with the Second mate and he told me to take the Capt. offer and so I accepted it and went on in the morning with the boats &c.

Tuesday 2nd Fine weather. For the Capt. gave me orders to go down and see how the boats and Trip was getting on shore. I took the boats and got ready to leave down the ship. By Monday and this order was promptly changed and I went on night. I was all ready for a good leave in the boat. I was all ready.

Monday 3rd Early this morning commenced to leave the ship down the Capt. told me to go on the ship and see how the Old copper was and I saw and we found the vessel was dressed down another and well raised and this I attended to with all my abilities. It took two days to finish her and I left her up. I was there for two days. The Capt. was with the old wife to leave his little daughter. I was up with the corpse and went to the funeral and burying and I truly can say that I lost one of the mourners. I felt very sorry for the mother and father the father thought the world of her and so did all that knew her. She was good company to be around. The doctor was dressing my hand in the cabin and would come and stand by and say poor Ben some of the boys were with the 2nd mate.

Thursday 10th Fine weather. This morning Mrs. Coffin came on board and when she saw the ship she burst out in tears poor woman. She thought of her child and what this morning I told the Capt. I should leave the ship and go home.

Journal at Gilbey N.P. Wales
February 1848

Friday 13th This morning I saw the Capt and he asked me the reason why I was going to leave the ship I told him that the second mate and one and a woman and that I could not agree with him so I had better leave now as there was chances for me to go home he tried to persuade me to go again and if I behaved myself he would see that I was right but if I would not go with him he would get me a second mates berth told me to call on board tomorrow and see him in Mrs Coffin

Saturday 14th Called on the Capt this morning he told me he would give me an order on Mr. Brown in John N.P. for my passage and give me a discharge as it is necessary to have me in history before shipping again. Then he gave me and told me that he had engaged me a berth on board the ship. I then saw Capt. Jones of Liverpool F.B. as second mate and tomorrow morning he would go on board with me. I went and bid Mrs. Coffin good bye and went home. Now I am on my own back again and a far from land with my fingers rather tender. I sat down in the house and felt rather down hearted & began to think of home and friends at home and my heart was full I could have cried only for the look of it but Come said I Ben you must not get in this way the world is before you and you have got to carve out your path through it and now is the time to commence the world knew I went out and had not walked far when I was stopped by a shipping master he wanted me to go 3rd mate in a whale ship I said if you give me four tickets I will not go I have just left work as I said this Capt. Jones came along and asked me if I was going whaling again as he knew the ship was to go I told him no as I was there a long while he said I was not to go and went in

On Board the Bark Hudson of Liverpool S. B.
Taking in a cargo of Wool for London Capt Rues
Feb 1848

Tuesday 15 Squally weather at 4 AM Capt Coffin called at my
house and went on board the Hudson and introduced
me to the Capt his wife and four daughters he had also
on board with him three sons one of them was mate
and the other was a boy before the mate the other was
an 8 years old Capt Rues asked me to sign articles
I told him that I would sign them when the ship was ready
For Sea if we could agree and so he agreed to it and
I went to my work the Capt told me that I
must take charge of the Painter and gave me a
copy of their contracts he told me also I had charge of the
riggen and I must overhaul it and do what was
necessary to it and if I wanted help I must get it myself
as to help me I overhauled her riggen and found that
her top gallant masts must come down and top sails
yards and all the riggen rotten and like wise mizzen
top mast riggen the Capt got in a net to stay and
grumbled at the mate his son and threatened to turn
him forward I commenced to cut down yards and
get ready for work and had two boys sail maker
and carpenter in the ship carpenter was making a new
top gallant fore castle and sail maker repairing sails
so I had no one but the two boys to help me

Wednesday 16 Went on board this morning and found that the
mate had run away from the ship last night the
Capt called me aft and told me that I must take charge of
the cargo and act as mate and that I could have the
deck and if his son came back he should go 2^d mate
so now I had to take all the charge on myself and
I had plenty to do when the cargo came from the country
with our wool I had to take an account of it and store it in
the wool shed and then go at work at the riggen again
we had taken 300 casks of the Athol's Oil on freight and
Capt Coffin desired me to look out for the stowage of it as
it was to our interest and take the gauges of the casks

Harbour, journal of Bark Hudson in Sydney
Loading with Oil and Coal for London. Capt. Tines
Benjamin Deane m.c.

Wednd 11th February 1848 Fine weather this morning went
board The Capt. asked me into the cabin to see the
with him his wife and daughter they were very pleasant
young Ladies but I could not say that of the
or the pleasantness of their father he was not full
and could not eat, his Sp. just after and some
took me into his Secretary and told me that he
him much and that I should be his mate and
on doing as I had son and should be remunerated
my services I told him that he had better get some
as I did not understand the duty of a mate in a
points and finding out that he was a very disagreeable
to all I told the other daughter told me that
her father had abused the mate and that he
and completely driven him away from the ship
if I could find him to let her in and not to let
her father for he would put him in jail

Las 19th 11th Feb 1848 The top gallant masts down
on deck and ship sail yards and all the rigging
no body kind to help me The Old Capt. and his
family went on shore this forenoon he called me to
help them over the side and the other daughter
thipped me a letter into my hand for her brother
if I should chance to see him on Sunday I took it and
the Old fellow was in a great fuss and trouble
said to me I am most agreeable with you and
thought as much I asked him if he would let me on
board a Sunday I said, Mr Deane whenever
you want a day you can take it and you need
not ask me That is too good to last long
I then will live a mother time for and for so I
better look out for you he came on board in the eve
and I think he felt a little better natured he
had a look all round at the carpenter's till
and at last he came to me and began to make
plans about his children

Harbour Journal of Bark Hudson in Rangoon

Trading with the Oil and Work for London Capt. P. Pines

Beyn France and

Feb 25th Bury weather Employed lowering what in the forenoon
The Captain has come back on board and is settling accounts
made on my self as mate. The Capt is a very busy man
even tho he has not said anything to me yet. I have got
the Top mast-rigger in order and Top Sail made up and set
and am at work at the Top gallant-rigger.

Feb 29th Fine clear weather and has been for the last 3 days
Spence has taken account of what all day and found that
3 men were working in the shed the second mate and two
has been painting the long boat on the King Jean Capt
Coffin came down on board this Hudson a day and got an
account of the Jags of the Oil he told me that he
thought that Capt Pines was a very creditable man
and very likely that I would not go with him at all.

March 5th This is a fine day The Capt has been on board all day and
has been consulting at the Sail maker and carpenter he came
to me and began to find fault about the boys they have
been wasting their provisions I told him that I would
look out for that he then flew into a passion and
began to say that young men would not be Capt. then
they knew their duty as an officer I told him that I
knew my duty as a second mate and could do it and that
I had been trying to do the duty of a mate and if I did
not I told him he might go to another and so he went
and the first time he had said to me for nothing
I told him plainly that I would not look out any more
for the cargo he must get a mate that I would not
look out for the cargo and do rigging work too.

April 10th Fine weather got the Top gallant made up and rigging
Lump yards crossed and every thing ready for loading
Sails the Mates of a Ship that was at anchor of us left
her and Capt Pines shipped him and he came on board to
day he told me that I must show away some Sails in the
noon when the men came on board they were all Surprised and
would be on board to morrow they were from a Bremen what
day that was the last day.

My journal of George Hudson in Sydney N.S.W.
loading with wool and oil for London Capt. Lewis

March 7th Fine clear weather. The Ship's crew loaded hands
came on board to-day commenced to bind sails found out
that two of the men could understand English got the
sails bent and began to get the ship ready for sea
carpenter has finished the top gallant fore castle
and put the galleys on shore and shifted the stores into
the Port Side of top gallant fore castle the sailors live
in the Starboard side got the long boat in and lash
her and cleared up the decks and stowed the sail room

March 8th Fine clear weather. I went on board this morning
and commenced to wash decks. The Capt came on the poop
and the mate and him saw a row I could not find out
what it was about he called his son aft and showed
him like a slave because he was washing decks with his
shoes on then he called the cook and began to abuse him
and kicked him off the poop and he went on shore and
told the ship he told the mate to stop him and
the mate told him if he wanted him stopped he might
come and do it himself. Then he called me up in
the cabin and asked me to sign a seal. I told him
that I had not my Discharge with me it was at
the water police's office and that I did not want to
without giving it up to him at the time under
a fine and he also wanted to be under a heavy fine if
he shipped me without a Discharge from
the last ship and deposit it in the Police Office
again this seemed to put him very much in a
hurry if I had found the sail room, yes let's go
and see we went down and saw the fiddler and ball
about to bind fairs but could not find any
last he asked me if there was room enough on top of the
sails that I had stowed for some of the sails that he said he
wanted him no. The fair then was a fine quarter then
I saw so I can get some sails on top of these confirmed it. I told
he is going to the house down that appears to be a bit of a
going on there I see plenty of work but you so I am off

Journal at Sydney New South Wales
Bark of Hudson Sept 1st 1840
Capt. George Drom

March 18th recalled me back two or three times I told him that
I had showed the sails good and that no lady had given me
any instructions how to show them and now he says in a
proud - that I should not stand any of his advice then
an American said - I am to be allowed with
my goods is same thing I do not throw any thing away
especially an officer two or three days ago I was getting
my tea on board (the second mate sat in the forward
house with the boys and carpenter and sail maker
there was no sugar to put in our tea Clark the steward
for some sugar he told me that I had my allowance and
he could not give any more now I had not taken my tea
on board more than 4 times since I had been at work
on board he said the caps told him to give over the allow-
ance more to all except the cabin well I said I this
as some thing new the caps heard me and asked the
Steward what I wanted and he told him I want sugar
and got my tea at my hotel. I told the caps
that I could not talk with him or perhaps I should
do same thing that I would be sorry for and that I would
not stand and take it about if he was an old man
I made out my bill and presented it to him and he
said he should not pay it without he was obliged to do
I gave it into the hands of the Capt. of the water
to collect for me the Capt. of the Police told me
what sort of a man that Capt. Kees was he has caused
me more trouble than all the caps in Sydney
March 19th I went down to the Police Office and got my
money then went and shipped on board the Bark Burmonds
loaded bound for London and after dinner went out to work on
getting ready for sea bending sails josting down crings and
tacking the spars all hand on board and expect to sail
tomorrow afternoon after I had done my work I
went to my hotel to see the girls about the shop all
night and in the morning took my chest with me

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Journal of Barque Bermondsey from Sidney, S.S. 1848
Howard London Capt. Rane Master Mr. Heath Mr.
Ref. Benjamin Leane

Sunday 20th March 1848 Fine day went on board this morning
and washed down the decks the caps taken out that the
Ship would not sail till Monday and if wanted to go
I should be started and went to my bed till and
the ship got under way and then took a good
breeze and the old man saw through the owners down
and garden stopped all night at the house and in the
morning bid them good bye and went on board my ship

Monday 21st Fresh breezes and clear weather at 8 Am cast off
our mooring from the wharf at 10 Am the Steamer made
fast to us to take us out to sea at 4 Pm the Steamer
cast off from us and we made sail and now I am leaving
Sidney homeward bound with a light heart and good hope

Tuesday 22nd Fine breezes at 4 Pm the Steamer cast off from us and
we made sail I had the first 4 hours out at 6 Am
up the main royal yard steering S.E. by S.

Wednesday 23rd Fine weather and gentle breezes from S.W. by S. E. by S.
and lower trading sail steering S.E. by S.

Thursday 24th First part fresh breezes and baffling at 4 Am took in
the sails from S.W. hands employed clearing away clean

Friday 24th Fresh breezes from S.W. at 2 Pm freshen at 3 Pm
two sails the top sails in the port breeze still freshening

Sat 25th Strong gales at 10 Am rose too under 10 m
main top sails and ballance reef spun this head to S.E.

Sunday 26th Gale continues with a heavy sea at 3 Pm set close
reef to top sail fore topmast stay sail and two reef
mizen fore and main spencer single reef

Monday 27th Strong gales from S.W. at 3 Pm set double
reef to top sail and reef fore sail and main sail and
stood by the wind to the S.E.

Tuesday 28th Strong gales from S.W. with a rough sea and
all prudent sail the Passengers very sea sick and vomited

Wednesday 29th Strong gales and rough sea wind from the
West steering E by S. E. and employed putting on the
gear they cant make any more so they call me yarn

Journal of Barrow Bermuda from Sydney New South Wales
towards London Capt. Samuel Barnes
March 1848
Kept by Henry Lane

March 20th Strong gales and rough Sea hands employed securing
the masts about the decks at 5 AM took up
the Top Sails and took in side

March 31st Commences with strong breezes from N.W. Studding under
two reef F and M Top Sail. Middle part gale increases
the ship rolling very heavy. By the Capt. calculation
we were to the Southward and Eastward of the E. Cape of
New Zealand. Steering E.S.E.

April 1st 1848 Strong gales Studding under variable reef
Sails S.E. & E. at 4 PM close reef. The main Top Sail being
Sea running took in Fore Top Sail and Fore course and F. Top
mast Stay Sail and bore too under close reef main Top Sail
blowing a violent gale from N.W.

April 2nd Strong gales and rough Sea at 3 PM more moderate
Set two reef F Top Sail reef Fore Sail and F. Top mast
Stay Sail and kept off before the wind Studding E.S.E.
middle and latter part heavy squalls

April 3rd More finer breeze moderates at 2 PM Set main
Studding reef from the Top Sails and set main Top Sail
Sail over reef Top Sail at 4 PM Set F Top gallant Sail
middle and latter part heavy squalls

April 4th Strong breezes from S.W. Steering E.S.E. middle
part more moderate with rain at 7 AM saw the
two small Islands the Antipodes of Green which bearing
S.E. 5 miles dist at 8 AM Jib and F jib mizzen spanker
gaff Top Sail Fore Top mast Studding Sail Lower Studding
Sail and main Sail

April 5th Fine and cold weather hands employed Stowing the
Lazarette Stenage &c wind from West

April 6th Dr cold weather hands employed mending sails
at 11 AM set F Top mast & Top Sail on the port side
at 9 AM squally took in the Studding Sails at 1 PM
took in F. & M. Top gallant Sails and reef
the Top Sails — —

Journal of Bark-Benmonday from Sidney N.S.W.
Towards London Capt Samuel Raper Master
Kept by Benjamin

- Friday April 3rd 1848 Fine clear weather and Fresh breezes at 4 Pm
breeze increases at 8 Pm two reef the Top Sails
and took in Main Sail and Jib Stays, E N E
- Saturday 8th Strong breezes and heavy Sea running from S W Steer
E by N at 6 Am more moderate Set J. & Main Top
gallant Sails
- Sunday 9th Commences with Squally weather at 10 Am Set
Mizzen Spanker and F. Topmast Stud Sail
- Monday 10th Fine breezes and clear Sun's employed cleaning out
Long Boat - Middle part Squally
Latter part more fine weather at 8 Am Set all
Sail Stud Sails low and aloft
- Tuesday 11th Fine breezes from S.W. by N. Steering E going at the
rate of 8 miles Per hour hands employed Sails mending.
- Wednesday 12th First part fine breezes from W at 2 Pm Shifted
the Studding Sails over on the Starboard Side latter part
Squally wind from N.W. Steering E. Starboard watch below
- Thursday 13th Fine breezes from N.W. and smooth Sea at 10 Pm
the wind shifted to W by N Squally with hail took
in Stud Sails and Top gallant Sails Steering E
- Friday 14th Hail Squalls not much wind Set the Studding Sails
and main royal latter part heavy Squalls of hail
and Snow Took in all the light Sails
- Sat 15th Fresh breezes and fine weather and cold hands employed
putting on chafing gear wind N.W. Steering E by N
- Sunday 16th Moderate breezes and passing squalls of hail cold
weather latter part the wind hauled to the N.E.
and freshens my fingers very cold and troublesome
- Monday 17th Strong breezes from E N E at 6 Pm took in
Top gallant Sails and two reef the Top Sails
at 8 Pm Tacked Ship and stood to the Northward
at 3 Am the wind hauled to the Eastward
Squared the yards at 4 Am Set Stud Sails
- Tues 18th Fine breezes and fine weather latter part breeze more from
from N.W. at 6 Am Set Stud Sails on better Sails

Sells 26th Moore mothered at 12 noon took out one reef from
 the main Top Sail and let Top Gallant Sail down in
 cold rain and thick fog. I suffer much from the cold
 by my crippled hand the blood does not issue
 through the stumps of my fingers. They turn
 quite purple of times and I have to rub them for
 some time before I can bring them to their bearing.
 Steering by the wind with Larboard tack on board
 heading N.E. by E. Lat 52.15 South Long

Journal of Capt. Bermondey From Sydney N.S.W.
To London Capt Samuel Barnes. Repd by Benjamin

Thurs 3rd April 1848 Commences with moderate breezes from
by N. at 1 Pm Squared the yards and Steered East
middle and latter part thick fog and squalls of rain
Hands employed securing off 4 Pm. Sup. his Sails lines
my fingers very cold and troublesome

Friday 3rd First part Calm and thick foggy weather at 6 Pm
the wind sprung up from N.E. by E with squalls of rain
and freshens at 12 mid took in the top gallant Sails at
4 Pm the First mate bore the cut overboard
Sat 29th Strong breezes from E by N. at 3 Pm Hands employed
fitting backlines and huilt lines to the top gallant
Sails at 4 Pm two reefs the top Sails at 4 Pm
Shook the reefs out at 8 Am Set top gallant Sails and
main royal Hands employed making the foot of the
top gallant Sails latter part very moderate and calm
at 10 Am the Sun bore S by E 12⁰⁰ high by the small
 Sextant it is quite cold and dark rising

Sunday 30th First part fine breezes from S.E. Steering E by N
at 10 Am fresh breezes took in main royal and
jib and gave top Sails at 4 Pm more moderate
Set in royal gave top Sails and jib at 8 Pm
Squared the yards Steering E by N Set top mast
Standing Sail Set 36. 10. S South Pacific Ocean
Homeward bound

Monday May 1st 1848 Fine breezes with passing squalls of
Snow the wind from S.E. at 4 Amates here
no one knows the feelings of joy that arises
from those two words Homeward bound, only
the Sailor

Tuesday 2nd Strong gales from S.W. at 5 Pm took in lower
Sails the breeze freshens at 7 Pm took in foremast
Standing Sail royals and lower the fore and aft Sails
at 2 Pm took in the top gallant Sails at 8 Pm
reef the main Sail and fixed it Steering E by S

Journal of Bark Bermingham from Pittsburg, Pa.
Towards London Capt Samuel Barnes

Wed 3rd May 1848 Strong gale attended with heavy
squalls of snow and hail from South Steering
E.N.E. at 12 noon set reef main sail and fore
spencer at 4 Pm mended the reef in the top sails at
3 Am the wind halled to the S.W. at 5. Sailed
reef & top sail at 10 Am the wind at S.W. & attended
with snow and very cold

Thurs 4th More moderate the wind at South at 4 Pm
set top gallant sails and spencer at 6 Pm the
wind at S.W. took in spencer at 8 Pm Fresh gale
took in top gallant sails stowed the jib and two
reef the top sails thick squalls of snow

Friday 5th Commences with strong gale from N.W.
attended with thick snow and hail very cold
weather scudding under two reef top sails and the sail
course E.N.E. at 12 noon the Capt judged the ship
to be right off the Pitch of Cape Horn the
Capt. and mate up a log-looker for the land
Saw none

Sat 6th Strong gale from S.W. attended with snow
and hail squalls at 12 Shook one reef out of
the top sails and kept off N.E. by E. at 6 Pm set
main top gallant sails at 8 Pm Took in top gallant
sails all of the middle part Strong breeze

Sunday 7th Moderate breeze and clear at 12 mid the wind
from S.W. took in Stow sails at 8 Am Saw a sail
off the Starboard bow Steering N.E. by N. latter part frequent
squalls of hail Steering N.E. by N. under single reefed sails
and top gallant sails over S & M Spencer

Mon 8th Gentle breeze from S.W. with passing squalls of
snow and hail middle part gentle breeze and cold
at 8 Am set Stow sails and royal course N.E. by E. latter
part more fine weather

Journal of Bark Bermondsij From Sidney NSW
Towards London Capt Bance kept by B. Dore

Tuesday 9th May 1848 Strong breeze at 8 Am took in
light sails and two reefs the top sails the
wind from S.S.W. Squared the yards and steered
N.W.E. latter part more moderate at 8 Am
set light sails and Studding Sails thick snow
storm and very cold

Wednesday 10th First part moderate breeze from S.W by W
steering N by E & E. with all sail set at 10 Pm
took in Lower Stud Sail at 12 mid the wind
began to freshen at 8 Am took in the light
sails and single reef the top sails steering
N.W.E. wind from West

Thursday 11th Strong gale from W by South at 2 Pm
sailed all hand and two reefs the top sails
and took in the jib middle part more moderate
at 5 Am commenced to make sail and at 10
Am had all sail set at 11 Am spoke the
S.S. Canteherie of Glasgow from Liverpool
bound to Valparaiso Lat 48° 57' Long 48° 06 W
Course N.W. & E.

Friday 12th First part gentle breeze at 3 Pm the wind
bellow to the S.W. & took in Stud Sails at 8 Pm
breeze freshens at 12 mid took in top gallant
sails and F jib steering by the wind
Sail bound tacks on bound

Sat 13th Commences with fine fresh breezes from N
at 3 Pm had a heavy squall ^{with W} which split the royal
and passed over without doing any other damage
bent a new royal at 8 & 10 more moderate set
the Stud Sails bands employed sending up top gal
and Stud sail booms and fitting the gear getting
the sail into the tops steering N.W. & E.

Sunday 14th Calm now and then a cat's paw from N by E took in
Stud Sails at 2 Pm a light air from N.W. & E. Steered by the wind Port tack
at 8 Pm took in my royal and F jib at 8 Am set royals and F jib

Journal of Boat Bermondsey from Sidney St. W.
Towards London Capt. J. Banes Kept by B. Lane

Monday 15th May 1848 First part gentle breeze from N.N.E
at 12 mid took in Fore royal at 3 Pm took in main roy
at 5 Pm took in F. & M. Top gallant Sail at 12
noon Single reef the Top Sails and Spanker heading for

Tuesday 16th Strong breeze and cloudy at 8 Pm double reef
the Top Sails and took in Mizen Spanker F. & M. sail jib
and main Sail at 12 mid heavy squalls carried away Fore
Jack Bumpkin clewed up F. Sail and fished it at 6 Pm
Set Fore Sail and shook one rope out of Top Sails the wind

Wednesday 17th Gentle breeze from S.W. Steering N.N.E with all
Sail Set hands employd fitting a new F. Bumpkin
somewhat bound to the Land of our Birth

Thursday 18th First part moderate breeze W.S.W at 5 Pm took
in Lower Studding Sail Course N.N.E middle and latter
part breeze freshens fine weather hands employd at
Sundry jobs at the rigging

Friday 19th Moderate breeze and fine weather wind E.N.E at
12 mid Jack Ship and stood to the N.W latter part
breeze freshens and hales to the Northward at noon
Tacked Ship to the N.E. heading E.N.E. hands employd
at the rigging and sundry other

Saturday 20th Strong breeze at 1 Pm took in Top gallant Sails the
breeze freshens at 4 Pm Single reef the Top Sails
latter part rain wind hales to the N.W hands employd
in water & wash from ward on the jib
of the sailer when relieved from the strain
he says her course is North Jack somewhat

Sunday 21st Strong breeze and clear at 3 Pm Bore
two reef the Top Sails the wind from N.W
at 4 Pm the Fore Bumpkin Bower porters hauled up
the F. Sail see how it am Set F. Sail again at 12 mid the wind
moderate and haled to the S.W shook out the tops and made all
Sail at 8 Pm had Star Sails Set low and aloft Steering N.N.E Squalls

Journal of Bark Bermudez from Sidney New South Wales
Towards London Capt. L. Bates

Kept by B. Brown

- Monday 22nd May 1848 Strong breezes and obl attended with heavy
showers of rain soon ran in Star Sails and Top gallam
Sails latter part the weather took storm and dunn
- Tues 23rd Strong gales from N.N.E. Lat 32° 15' South
heading by the wind N.N.W. at 8 Pm Jacked Star to the
E.S.E. at 9 Pm Single reef the Top Sails and took in gill
and main sail middle gale increases firmed the
mizen and took in the Top Sails latter part wind hauled
to the westward heading N.N.E. at 8 Am two reef
the Top Sails at 10 Am Split F. Top Sail on bent it
and bent a new one and set it close reef to day
for dinner we had half boiled Beef and Pork
- Wed 24th Strong gales from N.N.W. with a heavy sea at 8 Pm
1 pm the Fore Sail and firmed it, middle and latter part
the Sea runs very high at 8 Am more moderate
commenced to make Sail at noon under all Sail
- Thurs 25th Gentle breezes from N.E. at 8 Pm Set main top
gallam - Star Sails F. Topmast and lower Star Sail on both
Sides hands employ sending up main Topmast Star
Sail Booms and fitting gill and Sail at noon set the Sail
- Friday 26th Fine weather and fine breezes at 1 Pm was heard
the unwelcome sound of all hands turn too Sway up
Sails and get a new suite ready for bending hands
repairing Sails at 4 Pm anchor and bent an oblique
of Sails for fine weather at 9 Pm took in Star Sails at
8 Am turned up the jolly Boat and washed her
out saw a Sail standing to the S.W. latter part moderate
hands employ breaking out Sail room
- Satur 27th Moderate breezes and fine weather at 1 Pm
All hands employ mending and bending Sails
at 8 Pm Squared the yards and set Star Sails Steering
N.E. by N at 8 Am commenced on bending and bending
Sails this morning very hungry and nothing left
of our allowance to eat this is British Fashion
Thank god I am not one

Journal of Bark Hermondy from Sidney New S. Wales
Towards London Capt. J. Baines
Kept by B. Leane

Friday 2nd May 1845. Worcester. Long from B. & W. in
morning replying this this morning and 2.15.3. went
back again very hungry, but there was nothing but
bread and water for us our allowance being all eaten up
last night for supper this is British fashion go
save the wine but give me the American wine
if all you can and do all the worst you can
Love as E. & G.

Nov 21. Commenced with moderate breeze hands cold
morning, 10 P.M. heard 4 Saps, faint. Saw 1 Tail
at 1 P.M. from middle of our camp. Qualis 100 ft. in
S.W. side the wind rising all round the compass
at 4 P.M. saw two Tails standing to the Southward
after past the wind more steady from N.E. at
10 P.M. in whole of night. Whales

Wednesday 20th At day break 44 hours since leaves from A. coast by
10.00 P.M. Sailed for the Eastward. Making by the wind
E. N. E. with all sail set. At 10.00 P.M. two large
Sperm Whales passed the buoy fresh at 6.00 A.M.
Wind from N. by E. Sea calm. Light breeze from N. by E.

June 1st June 1848. Moderate breeze and smooth sea. Sailed at 10
repairing sails and leaving 10 to 12 more sails at 8 it was the
the first time I had ever seen the sea so smooth. Sailed at 10
the sun up and the sea calm. Moderate breeze and smooth sea.

Friday 9th People busy here preparing for the winter. And
Jackson bought the captured of passing the all night
then a sail on the schooner. The schooner
W. H. ...

George & Co. South Forendy Street Sydney N.S.W.
Towards London Capt. J. Jones.

11th 14th June 1842. Battering water and battering winds at
lands employ. Battering first work at 8.15 in order
was given to the Quilore to get over the side of the ship
on scrub her paint work out side but they all
regard to do it up in morning a place
to send any more to the water with the same
if he would go over the side and scrub the ship
side some said if he would have a boat if he would
and some said if he would put a life line to him &
would the first mate then with some is doubtful
get over the side and told him no and if it
had been an American ship they would
would have had to go on here with a boat
with the first mate since then. In 1842
some of them the Cape the 1st of July
Capt. with prominent a ship ²⁷ from the 1st of
and some time in Penang. 1st July 23rd 30

12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th
Towards the Harbour. Battering water and battering winds at
the Charboan watch had the afternoon at
below at 4 PM saw the ship standing to the Harbour
and then on the 1st of July 23rd 30

11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th
Battering water and battering winds at
to telegraph with a ship from the 1st of July
Penang the boat was landed in the
South Forendy of a ship Capt. Turner 1842
from Calcutta and the ship was
first provisions from the 1st of July
1st July 23rd 30

11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th
Towards the Harbour. Battering water and battering winds at
Coppallan's hullworks and repairs. 1st July
1st July 23rd 30

Under 18th June 1848 Fine breezes from N.E. carrying Topmast
and Mast all the way down the river. The
boat is still going on well and moving
about in the rigging. The time seems longer and the
as we draw near to our point of destination
the boat has been over four years from home. The
young birds of the west have long left it
before I can hasten in the sunshine
and the birds of the field are wisest.

Nov. 20th A strong trader at Smith's ship off the
 coast of Georgia was at 4 PM. The vessel was
 open in proof to be a South Sea Islander
 bound home we boarded her and got some bread out
 of her. I have forgot her name.

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Journal of Wm. Green, Lieut. Sidney A. Wall
Thames, London, Capt. A. Jones Sept. 1, 1861

Monday 6th July 1848 Commenced with a fine breeze from
 N.W. at 4 P.M. Spoke the Ship Captain
 of London from the East-Indies having been
 London 100 days from Calcutta and by ship from
 A. Habana the reported the Revolution in Cuba
 and great fears of one in England if there is one
 in England when we were at Calcutta. The
 middle part of the voyage. But the entire
 latter latter part of the voyage from N.W. to the
 equator with in the

Euphrates with in the
 D. Strong breeze and frequent squalls of rain
 some squalls of rain in the night and in the
 morning at 6 P.M. the rain fell at 10 P.M.
 fresh gales of rain with squalls of rain and
 a jet and squalls of rain with squalls of rain
 with the squalls at 10 P.M. more rain and
 and fine weather till all plain till then
 Euphrates in light on the sea and the

at 8th Euphrates in Egypt on the 1st of June. The
at 8th Moderate breeze from South at 1 P.M.
commenced to paint ship in Port at 2 P.M.
Totally stopped previous middle of latter part
wind very light variable at 3 P.M. commenced
painting again at 4 P.M. finished

Went to the Moderate Group and variables. In the afternoon
lifting the water-casts and clearing away to the east.
At 4 P.M. the wind shifted to East. Took in the
sails and hoisted up the main and the fore-topmast
at 8 A.M. the weather with fine commenced to rain
and after heading N.E. some steady weather.

So, M. L. at the time that we could meet
at the B. & O. with a view to having all the

Journal of Dark Bermudary from Sledge Point, Wales
Towards London Capt W. Barnes
July 13th 1848

July 11th July 1848. Moderate breezes from N.E. & S.W. being
at 4 P.M. saw a sail at the horizon weather being
to be over middle part of the day all clear & fine
at the horizon later part fog & clouds up to a mile
in the same direction as before then wind N.W. and very light
sails employed sailing in outside the Harbours water
before in a breeze myself a writing in my Journal
at 4 P.M. calm at 12 mid night breeze from S.W. & light
then the Harbours took at 8 P.M. breeze freshens and makes
to the S.E. and gets cool

July 13th Strong breezes from East saw a quantity of ships
bound for me or through the English Channel and saw
bound out at 8 P.M. took the ship to the Southward
sailing by the wind & light at 9 P.M. saw a large
ship outward bound in the same direction

July 14th Saw the breeze from East at 1 P.M. took the
ship to the Southward saw a ship bound to the North
in the P.M. going to sea saw a great quantity
of ships bound outward sailing in the P.M. clear

July 15th Strong breezes from the South at 8 P.M. took the
ship to the Southward at 9 P.M. saw a ship bound to the
S.W. ship out from our port bound for 1st week S. 13
at 10 P.M. saw N. 30 W. at 2 P.M. saw the ship
George from Boston bound to the Northward
at 4 P.M. saw a ship bound to the South

July 16th Fine breezes from E.N.E. at 1 P.M. saw a ship out
sailing to the N.W. saw a great quantity of American
ships bound outward sailing in the P.M. and being
in the water with sails set by passengers engaged and sailing

July 17th Strong breezes from E.S.E. at 1 P.M. saw the ship
tail under sail at 4 P.M. saw the ship to the
Southward a heavy sea from the Westward the breeze
freshens at 8 P.M. took in top gallant sails and
Wine, Penceer sailing in a progression towards home

your friend's friend from Sidney Smith
Holland London Capt. S. Barnes
Rep. by S. Barnes

1st Dec 18th 1848 Commences with strong breezes from S. at 4 Pm the wind moderated at 8. AM Thook out the rups and Tacked to the Southward very much
saw a great number of vessels outwards and homeward bound the Isles of City 80 miles Dist at noon

Wednes 19th Gentle breezes from N.E. Still standing to the Southward hands employ scraping Topmast Stud Tail booms at 8 AM Holy Stone Poop Saw along Ship a Stern steering after us 2 miles dist at 10 AM lowered the boat and went on board of her She was a Dutch East Indiaman bound for Rotterdam the Capt of her came on board of us and exchanged some provisions with us

Thurs 20th Fine breezes from S.E. at 1 Pm spoke the Ship Pearl of London from Quebec bound to London the male and two passengers came on board of us at 4 Pm they went on board and we parted company the breeze freshens to in the royals at 6 Pm we took in the Top gallant Sails and T. jib at 7 PM Saw

Several Ships off the Sea
Friday 21st Gentle breezes from N.W. E hands employ getting the Ship ready for Port the wind hauled gradually to the North and W. and increasing mild part the wind from N.W. made Sail at 3 AM Set Stud Sails at 4 AM Saw the Long Ship light Saw the Lizard light and at 7 AM Saw the Eddystone light house at 8 AM was boarded by a Boat and two passengers went on shore in her the Capt sent the Mail bags on shore by them also breeze freshens the weather thick and rainy at 9 AM the weather more fine Saw Plymouth and passed the Start point all Tail Set the Sails low and aloft passing the cold homes of England i.e. the small Towns and villages

Journal of Bark Hermonda from Sidmouth to Wales
Towards London Capt J Bones

Kept by B Doune

at 22nd July 1848 Fine fresh breezes and clear weather. Two
Sails set on both sides low and aloft. at noon Pass
ed the Isle of Wight and soon passed Beeche
Head and Langness and then saw the Chalky
cliffs of Dover passed Dover and the North
Foreland took a pilot in the Dourne saw a great
number of ships at anchor here at 5 Pm came to
anchor in Margret Roads the Capt left and
went to London by Steamer. here we lay till
3 Pm flood tide made took a Steamer and
towed up to Gravesend here the Channel Pilot
left us and the River Pilot took charge. here
we lay till 3 Pm rigged in jibboom and Spunk
boom and cockbilled the yards all ready for
Dock. then took Steer and towed up to London
at 6 Pm moved ship in London Dock Basin
and all hands went on shore. I went to the Sailors
Home to board. this day Ends on Sat July 22nd
Civil time and continues 36 hours. After will
be sitting and kept by civil time.

This has been the first time for me in London
and the first time I ever sailed up the English
Channel on London river it is a beautiful sight to
see and I cannot describe my wonder and surprise at
seeing the little towns villages green fields Castles
Manstons Hospitals and Hospitals ships School ships
Observatories &c which I had heard so much and
read about. The Pilot was an old capt and he
took pains and told me most all the places
which I cannot remember now. Only Greenwich
Hospital and Observatory where Lord Nelsons vest was
and Trafalgar is that the gun on which he was shot
Woolwich was built for the King and Queens
to live in and now it is used for a Dock yard and
for Involved Sailors &c.

Journal at London kept by B. Don
At The Sailors Home. Weller Street

July 23rd 1848 Fine weather and gentle breezes from S.W.
this morning being Sunday I turned out and got my
breakfast at 7 AM then dressed myself and went to
church the Sailors Church is joining the Sailors
Home after church I took a walk through the
Town or City crossed London Bridge and came
back through the Thames Tunnel had a look
at St Pauls Church and several other places of note
came home got our supper and went to bed &c

Thurs 24th This morning got up early and went down to
the dock and had a look at the ships this mate
told us that the Capt would pay us off at 100 sh
so after breakfast went down on board and was
paid off I then went up to the miners to
Moses & Sons and bought me some clothing
to the amount of 15 £. so that I could
appear decent I spent my time with my
friends that lived in the Sailors Home with
me very agreeable went to the Natural and
mensurians Zoological Gardens &c

I tried to get a ship to come home but could
not without paying my passage or working
it and that I did not intend to do after
I had stayed here a bout a month I began to
get short of money now said I. I must go so
where am I now so I had to get me a registered
ticket I had a hard job to get it they told me
that I was a Yankee said I. I am at heart
but was born in British America said
they you are a British Subject I am just
now and claim their rights by much
trouble I got one and now am ready to
ship as a British Subject on board a British
ship. So one of my room mates named Jefferson
and me intended to get a ship and leave London as soon as
possible

Journal of London kept by B. Doane
At The Sailors Home

Willes Lane

Sept 23rd August 1848 This morning fine weather and fresh breezes after breakfast took a walk down to the West and East India Dock came up in the Black wall cars after dinner went up to the Minerva Tower Hill to a Shipping Office kept by Mr. Simonds, here we shipped in a Ship for New Port South Wales and from thence to Bermuda and United States of America We was to sail to-morrow and we was to come on board in the morning so we went down home and packed up our things and took them on board this afternoon the Ship lay in the Commercial Dock we came back and stopped all night at the Sailors home

End of This Journal

Nautical Astronomy

When the air and Sea are of the same temperature, the horizon retains its true or mean place; but when the air is cooler than the Sea, the horizon appears below its mean place; and when warmer, it appears above its mean place. This difference of temperature between the air and Sea is increasing from the equator to the Poles; and the variation of the horizon, in depressing or elevating, below or above its mean place, will increase accordingly. Capt. W. F. W. Owen found a change in the mean place of the horizon, between the tropics, of about 4'; and Mr. Fisher, who sailed with Capt. Parry to the north pole in 1821-3, found a variation in the place of the horizon in the arctic regions, of about 18'. In summer he found the horizon to elevate, and in winter to depress; therefore, a similar discrepancy may be found between its place at A.M. and at P.M., unless the same difference of temperature exists between the air and Sea in both instances. Consequently, when great accuracy is required, such as in rating Chronometers, the A.M. and P.M. observations should not be used in conjunction, as the rate obtained by both was seldom found to agree with that which was found by two mornings or two afternoons observations. This variation is decreasing as you recede from the poles, in proportion to the proximity of the temperature of the air and Sea, and becomes nearly nothing at the equator.

Nautical Astronomy

Journal of Ship Alecto of Harmouth St. Peter
Capt James D. Can

From London Itwards New Port South Wales

Thurs 24th August 1848 Fine weather at 4 Pm went
on board the Ship halloo her out the Dock
took Steam and towed down to Gravesend
came to anchor at 9 Pm Sat a watch that
was only my self and Stafford the rest
of the crew were drunk — — —

Friday 25th First part fine weather at 5.30 Am was called
out to wash down decks, my self and Stafford came out
first then the rest of the men that shipped in London
came out and turned two presently four men came
out of the Forecastle and asked the mate if he
wished their services he d-d them and to e, then
no they d-d him back again he told them that
he did not know them and to go on shore they
said they had shipped in the Ship to perform the
voyage and that they would go ^{not} without us mate
try say they then went into the Forecastle
washed down decks and commenced to get out the
jibboom while I was forward clearing away the
the mate came and asked me if I knew those
men in the Forecastle I said no I thought they were part
of our crew he then told me all about them and how
they came to be there the Capt shipped a crew in St John
New Brunswick to perform a voyage to England and back to
St John again but they were so bad and quarrelsome and
sailors in the cargo that the Capt tried to get clear of them
in London he got clear of all but 4 and they would not go so
he shipped a new crew and intended to drive them ashore here
at 8 Am got breakfast the 4 men threatened the Capt
mate and swore they would not go on shore alive at 10
the Capt came on board with a Police man and ordered
him and us to put the four stow away into the boat
they drew themselves and swore they would stab any

Journal of Trip West from London towards
New Port Capt James I. Can.
Kept by B. Swan

one that would put their hand upon them the capt
then got out the opticals and called all hands aft and
read out the names of the crew that he had shipped in
London and we all insured to our respective names
he then said to his Officers men and police men
those men that have answered to their names are all
my ships crew I have no passengers and all other men
that is on board are stowaways I order you to put
them into the boat and let them on shore
they then all brandished their knives and swore they
would not go without being paid off go to he said the
capt go to he said the men the capt turned to me
and said take hold of these men and put them into the
boat I will if you or the mate take hold of them
first said I the mate got his revolver out and
run in among them and began to fight they knocked
him down the Capt stood upon the Poop and did not
offer to take hold or to help the mate at all but
asked me if I refused to do my duty if you do said
he I will put you on shore I am ready to go at any
time said I am would be glad to get clear of this ship
as soon as possible I went forward and went at work at
the jibboom and left them to fight their own battle
the Police man would not touch them nor the Capt
as the mate and Second mate had to run into the cabin
and they chased him to the done way he snapped his Pistol
at them but she would not go off so they settled it
by saying they would go to New Port and there take
their discharge at 4 Pm every thing was ready got
under way and beat down the river about 10 miles
and came to anchor the wind E.S.E. and very dark
let the watch on hoisted a light the Capt called
one of the four men aft and offered to pay them off
if they would go on shore but this they refused with
the Capt would pay them 3 men the extry pay and that he would
not do

Journal of Ship Alcester from London
Towards New Port. South. Wales. Capt J. D. Carr
Kept by E. Doan

Friday 26th August 1848. Which party neither wind from N.E.
hands variously employed I had a talk with the 4
men of the Tato crew they are all Irishmen and are
not much of a seaman about any of them their threat
to tow the Capt when they get in New Port. they all
advised us to leave her when we get there.

The Capt is a yarmouth N.E. man the mates name
is John Felix from Halloway. he called me Dan
instead of Doane I like him very much as yet
the Capt also appears to be a good man
at 7th the wind still to the Eastward got under way at
day light and commenced to beat down channel
at 8 Am Calm came to anchor and lay till
night let the water go with a Calm

Sunday 28 Fine breeze all day beating down channel at
4 Pm came to anchor off Marget let the water
Strong breeze from S.E. &

Monday 29th Dark Cloudy weather and moderate at 3 Pm
I came to anchor in the Downes wind S.W. called
the four men aft and tried to get them to take
their discharge offered them their wages before witne
but they would not take it. let the water & C

Tues 30th Fine weather wind from S.W. at 6 Am got under
way and beat down the channel put out the Pilot
at 2 Pm and proceeded down channel moderate & C
wind westerly stood over towards the French shore
and tacked to the Northward at 12 mid

Wednes 1st Sep 1848. Strong breeze from S.W. hands employed
repairing S. Top Sail at 4 Pm fresh breeze carried
away main Top Gallant mast over the side all
hands clear away the wreck sent up a new one and
at 6.30 had main Top Gallant Tail set the
weather fine and sea smooth through the night
taking the best advantage of the wind and weather

Journal of Ship Access from London
Towards New Port South Wales Capt J. D. Can

Thurs 2nd Sep 1848 Fine breezy from East Saw the English
shore dist 9 miles at 9 Am made the Land End
at 2 Pm doubled Cape Cornwall and entered
the Bristol Channel wind E N E and moderate

Friday 3rd First part of these 24 hours moderate breeze
right down Channel saw a great number of
boats fishing also several Ships round up Chan-
neling up the Bristol Channel you can have a
good view of the Welch Shore and the West of Engl
Old castles Abbeys and Timbries are to be seen
on either side also green fields and Farms

Sat 4th Still beating up the Channel with the wind
ahead at 8 Am Saw Lundy Island bearing E. N. E.
dist 8 miles Spoke a number of Bristol Pilots
but did not take one we had two Nova Scotia men
onboard and as it is generally with them they never
take a Pilot till they need one in fact there
was three Novas onboard but one of them was not
known as such strange cattle they are to some folk

Sunday 5th Fine weather and fresh wind Still beating up Ch
at 6 Pm Pilot boarded us and took charge at 10
Pm came to anchor under the Welch Shore

Monday 6th Fine weather while I was sailmaking the
Capt. Price that I had lost three of my fingers
he asked me how and where I lost them I told
him I lost them on board of a whale ship out
of St John N.B. he asked me what Ship and I
told him the Athol Capt J. D. Coffin of
said he he belongs to Barrington has got his
wife with him yes said I where did you leave
him in Sidney N. S. W. said I the Capt said that
he was well acquainted with Capt Kenney in the
James Stewart I told him that I was too but
did not tell him that he was my Cousin I told him that
we had spoken her while on the voyage all hands well

Journal of Ship Alect from London
towards New Port Wales Capt J. D. Can.

Thurs 7th Sep 1848 Fine fresh breezes from N.E. at
6 Am the New Port Pilot came onboard and at
9 Am Entered into the mouth of New Port
River at 2 Pm anchored and at 4 the Ship was
down on the mud commenced cleaning her bottom
The mate gave us a glass of Brandy and I drank
his good health and told him it was my birth day
he asked me where I was born and I told him
Nova Scotia he said we are country men

Wed 8th Fine weather the wind down the river
the Pilot commenced to warp up the river
we got her up about two miles further
and came to anchor and lay there to wait
for a calm or fair wind

Thurs 9th Fresh breezes down the river at 7 Am
commenced to warp up the river posted
our hawsers and lines and had to anchor
the four men that was on board that Ship
in St John and the Capt tried to get clear of
in London went on shore to day and went up
to Town the Capt went up to Town also

Friday 10th Strong breezes hands employ'd at various
Jobs did not weigh anchor to day

Sat 11th Strong breezes at 4 Pm had got the Ship
within sight of the town came to anchor
the Capt haled the Ship and I was sent
to bring him off in the boat he asked
me if there was a man on board the
whale Ship by the name of Doane and I told
him that was my name then you
have got a brother here Capt of a Shelburne
erm Brig I said yes at 6 Pm I asked
to go on shore and the mate told me to go I went
and had no trouble to find the Brig Rose
my Brother Martin was master and Thomas Doane
second mate

Journal of Ship Mest from London
Towards New Port Wales Capt. L. Can

Sunday 12th Sep 1848 I stopped on board of the Rose
all night - we set up and talked till 2 AM
and then went to bed at 6 AM turned out
Thick, rainy weather - a woman fell into the
dock and Thomas Doane and me went in the
boat and picked her up she had a child in her
arms but both were saved from drowning
at 2 PM Thomas and me walking down the
side of the river abreast the ship saw them
warping her up did not go on board went
back on board the Rose again and at 9 PM
the ship got into the Dock. Sent on board
and stopped all night &c &c

Monday 13th Fine weather at 8 AM moved ship and
sent down main top, gallant mast asked
the Capt to let me go home in the Rose
and offered to pay my advance back again and
ship a new man in my place but he would
not - so I spent some clothes and some of
my South Sea Specimens and curiosities the Rose
sailed for Boston at 4 PM

Tuesday 14th Fine weather commenced to take out ballast
the Capt was summoned to court by the four
men the mate went with the log book
and the second mate as a witness.

Wed 15th Fine clear weather the Capt had to send court to day
was fined 250 Pounds Sterling. Trans-emploi getting out
ballast carpenter making new main top gallant mast

Thurs 16th Fine weather taking out ballast to day carpenter
finished main top gallant mast

Friday 17th Fresh breezes and clear weather finished taking out
the ballast - sent up main top gallant mast
set up the rigging and bent the sails

Sat 18th Strong breezes from N.E. hauled over to the west side
of the dock Trans-emploi cleaning the ship's whole &c

Journal of Ship Alect From London Towards New Port Capt J. D. Cox

Harbour Journal at New Port
Sund 19th Sep 1848 Fine weather and calm breezes at 10 AM
took a walk through the Town of N. P. came back and got
our dinner at 1 Pm took a walk out into the country
and through the green fields saw several families
walking with their children passed several nice farms
and returned home by 8 Pm and went to bed
Mon 20th Pleasant weather got all ready to put in
casks for Bermuda called under the Tincture
Tues 21st Fine weather did not take in any cargo to day the
capt was summoned to appear at court again to day
Wed 22nd Fine weather at 6 AM a detachment was sent on
the Ship and an officer was put on board but we were
permitted to load commenced loading with casks
at 2 Pm. The officer is an old man has a fine daughter
Thurs 23rd Settling up all the rigging and trimming Gals
in this port we lay with an officer on board and
an advertisement on our mainmast till the 3rd of
Oct. the capt paid the money over to the layer
the fine and wages Expenses &c being 230 Pounds
then the officer left and took the papers from
from the mast and the Ship was free we had a good
time in New Port the second mate was visiting the
old officers daughter and we all spent a good time
and enjoyed our selves very well all the crew
went away except three of us that shipped
out of the Tailors home London and we had to
Ship a new crew On the 3rd of Oct we were
all ready for sea and lay down by the dock
sails ready to hall out bound homeward and
our intention was to run away in Bermuda if
there was any chance of getting to Antigua N.C.

Journal of Ship Bess from New Port
Towards Bermuda Capt J. D. Canby

Tues 4th Oct 1846 Fine weather and fresh breezes from W. S. W. at
6 Am the Pilot came on board halled out of dock took steam
and towed out of the river the wind being a head the steam
towed us about 10 miles from the mouth of the river at 4 Pm
came to anchor in Parath Roads Strong westerly winds

Thurs 6th Strong westerly breezes at 9 Am Our Capt went on board
of another ship got the Capt and took Brown and me and
went on shore at Cardiff the Capt gave me some money
we had a good time staid till one O'clock in the morning
and then went on board the Capt drunk the home shore in
let the topails extending to get underway the wind blow
ing very fresh from the westward and dark night cleared
up the sails and paid out chain the mate persuading
him not to start at night time

Friday 6th Moderate breezes and clear weather wind N W
at 8 Am got underway and proceeded down channel
took a pilot at 9 and at 2 Pm discharged him
at 6 Pm Landy Island bore W by S Dist

Sat 7th 8 miles the wind West clear weather
Moderate westerly breezes and cloudy hands employ
at chafin gear and repairing the rigging ---

Sunday 8th Moderate South W breezes and rainy weather

Tues 9th Fresh W S W breezes and thick weather rough sea
Ship makes water

Wed 10th Strong breezes from W S W and clear weather

Thurs 11th W S W wind and clear weather hands employ
holly stoning the decks the Ship makes much water
Pumps constantly attended too

Journal of Ship Acert from London to the
Towards Bermuda Capt James D. Can
Kept by P. D. D. D.

Friday 12th Oct 1848. First part of these 24 hours strong breeze from N.E. Course W by S at 8 Am hands employed holystoning the Poop & making Lynet. My self employed fitting a pair of goavines the Capt employed chasing a Bird hawk with his gun at 12 noon the Ships Long was 9° 40' Lat 1.1 at 3 Pm improve m
Top gallant Stud Sail given at 4 Pm Set Stud Sails low and aloft the wind more from the North
the Ship Steers very bad

Sat 13th Strong breezes from N.E. Course W by S Stud Sails Set at 5 Am J. Topmast Stud Sail cock parted pulled it down spliced it and hoisted it again at 6 Am Starboard watch commenced to holystone the Poop at 8 Am hands making main Top gallant Stud Sail at 10 Am I had a horrid dream

Sun 14th First part fine breezes from E.N.E. Course W by S hands employed at the Top gall Stud Sail, to say I finished grafting a becket on to the Capt's Goavins

Monday 15th Fine breezes from N.E. Steering W. S.W. at 9 Am Saw a Sail Steering S.W. by W at 3 Pm the Swinging boome carried away in the goose neck shackle it in Carpenter repaired it squared the yards and Set the Sail again the wind N.E. by E.

Tues 16th Fine strong breezes from N.E. W all hands employed covering the end of the Fore Topmast Stays and setting them up finished the Top gallant Stud Sail and Set it to dus Set up all the fore Stays at 3 Pm Saw a Brig off the Starboard quarter at 7 Pm Line piece

Wed 17th moderate Breezes & according to cast of Barometer and variables hands employed middle stitching main Top Sail and repairing rigging

Thurs 18th Gentle breezes from E.N.E. at noon Saw a Brig Steering W at 1 Pm the wind shifted shifted over Stud Sails hands employed middle stitching main Top Sail at 9 Pm Saw a Brig Red Southern Light

Journal of Ship Mest from London & New Port
Towards Bermuda Capt. J. D. Can
Rising to Sea

Friday 19th Oct 1848 Strong breezes from E. & S. Steering W by S at
6 AM Saw the Island of St. Maries bearing N by E
15 miles at 5 PM breeze freshens at 6 took in
the Top gallant Star Sails and royals breeze still increas-
ing mid took in all the Star Sails the tacks being
all parted was obliged to steeple them in or loose
them breeze still increasing

Sat 20th Strong gales attended with rain from C. E.
Steering W. gale increases at 4 PM took in
F. M. and Mizzen Top gallant Sails two reefed the
Top Sails and pinned the Cross Jack Course two
hands at the wheel at 6 PM the wind shifted
suddenly to W by S which took the Ship aback. Bored
her off and braced up the yards Carboard tacks on
board a heavy sea and a heavy shower of rain
the wind moderates gradually

Sun 21st Commences with more moderate breezes and
finer weather at 6 AM commenced to make sail
and at 8 AM the Ship was under all sail heading by
the wind N. W. hands employ sail mending at 8 PM
it commenced to rain thunder and lightning the
clouds look wild and threatening

Mon 22 Heavy rain thunder and lightning a very heavy
Tempest at 12.30 mid a violent Squall took
the Ship aback called all hands clewed up the
Top gallant Sails the Ship paid off before the wind
Squared the yards the wind E. Course W. Still thunder
and lightning (Saw some the dismal thunder

The rain in deluge pours
The clouds were rent asunder by lightning vivid powers.
The night both drear and dark &c) at 6 AM let
all sail the wind very untidy at noon a heavy thunder
Squall cleared up the weather at 9 PM
Tacked Ship heading by the wind S. by W. Stand by
Tacks on board

Journal of Ship West from London & New Port
Towards Barmuda Capt J. D. Can
Sept. 23rd 1848

Oct 23rd Fine weather at 6 Am the wind pulled down
to the Eastward took a pull of the weather
braces and set the Sails the Ship's course
w Middle part breeze freshens at 2 Pm
Strong gales carried away the top mast the
Boards shifted overboard Booms
and set the Sails again. Then the Sails
felt the breeze and the Old Ship marched
like a Duck. She walks the water like a
She wither what was like a goose seems to
be the bright Bosson of the Silvery tide
Hemfibre in proud array her two white Sails
Co woo the influence of the favouring gale

Wednes 24th Fine breezes and fine weather all hands employed
in the afternoon setting up Mizzen riggen and rattling
down fore and aft Ends with fine weather the
Ship under all the Sail that can be packed on
to her homeward bound

Thurs 25th Moderate breezes from E hands employed rattling
down riggen kept at work till dark at 7 Pm
pump Ship and get supper at 10 Pm the wind
shifted Ends with moderate breezes and fine weather

Friday 26th Gentle breezes from E.S.E. at 8 Shifted
over the Sails watch went to breakfast at 9.30
Am. The Capt called all hands to Shift the
Sails over and they refused to do it saying it
was an unnecessary work and being in
want of Sleep at 1 Pm all hands painted the
and rattle down at 6 Pm finished rattling
at 10 Pm wind pulled to the S.E. with
squalls of rain this is bad for our
pains

Sat 27th Moderate breezes from S.E. Course w hands employed
splicing hawsers and painting Ship Carpenter mending Bavers
to flow the Boats on light hours of rain &c

Journal of Ship theest from London & New Port
Towards Bermuda Capt D Can
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Sunday 28th October 1848 Gentle breeze and clear weather
wind S.E. course W hands employ painting Ship
at 6 Pm the carpenter finished the bars for the
Boats got them up washed and cleaned them ready
for painting Middle part the wind from
S.E. Ship makes much water

Monday 29th Equally weather wind from S.E. at 9 Am
the wind halled to S by W took in the Sails
and braced up by the wind Middle and latter
part heavy Squalls and baffling winds at 5 Pm
took in royals and 2nd top gallant Sails fore and aft

Tues 30th First part Equally and baffling winds at 6 Am
Set 2nd top gallant Sails and royals at 7 Am Set
the Sails at Pm Towed the Life Boat and
Jockey Boat on the bars and lashed them Ends
with gentle breezes from S.E. course W by S
Carpenter Calking long Boat

Wednes 31st Commences with gentle breeze from S.E.
hands employ painting Ship at 12 noon the main
top gallant the Sails Boome came on lashed and
fil went through the main Sails overboard
lawned the boat and picked it up

Thurs 1st November 1848 First part of these 24 hours moderate
breezes from S by W. course W hands employ painting
Ship making boat Sails scraping and painting Boats
at 8 Pm Calm at 9 a light breeze from E course
W.S.W. Ship makes a great quantity of water all hands
at the pumps from 7 Pm till 9 Pm

Friday 2nd Commences with fine breezes from E. course W
at 8 Am Cloudy at 9.40 a Squall at 10 more clear
hands employ painting Boats at 7 Pm all hands
at the pumps a large quantity of water in the whole
at 8 Gentle breezes from E by N at 10 Am S.E. the Sails took in
and yards parted some off new ones and set the Sails again Carpenter mending Boats
at 4 Pm the wind from S.E. shifted over the Sails Ends with
rain and weather

Journal of Ship Alcester from London & New Port
Towards Bermuda Capt. C. D. Can
Kept by B. Dore

Sunday 4th November 1848 First part heavy showers of rain
and squalls of wind from S.E. at 1 P.M. took in the
sails the wind gradually falling to the S.W.
at 6 A.M. braced the yards sharp up and stood by
the wind heading S at 8 P.M. Tacked ship heading
N.E. Still rainy and moderate latter part strong breeze
and thick rainy weather at noon let the Star Sails on
the Starboard Side the wind from E.N.E. course vt bar
employed scrubbing ^{and washing} yards and lower masts at 2 P.M. the
wind shifted N.W.E. in a Squall called all hands to Short
Dail took in Star Sails Mizzen Royal Top gallant Star
and Cross Jack Course main royal and Fore royal and
Top gallant Sail and Flying Jib then pump ship
The mates much water down with strong gales from
N.W.E. and a heavy Sea from N.W.W.

Monday 5th Breeze coming from N.W.E. course vt by 1 or 2
A.M. Saw a Ship 12 mile distant steering by the
wind under two reefed Top Sails at 6 A.M. we let
Top gallant Sails and Flying Jib and Cross Jack course
at 10 A.M. the wind hauled to North braced up
the yards and stood by the wind at noon
the wind from N.W. vt heading S.W. Strong breeze
and squally hands variously employed

Tues 6th Squally weather at 3 A.M. took in F & M
and Mizzen Top gallant Sails at 8 A.M. took in flying jib
and caught a flying fish. wind from N.W. vt. Ship
heading S.W. at 4 P.M. let Fore main and Mizzen
Top gallant Sails to day we got the afternoon
watch below for the first time for three weeks

Wednes 7th Fine breeze and clear weather wind N by E
heading by the wind N.W. vt at 7 A.M. let main roy
this morning the Starboard watch boys stowed
the Poop wind hauled a little to the Eastward
Ship heading N.W. hands employed at various jobs

Journal of Ship *Ortho* From London
Towards *Bermuda* J. L. Can master
sailed by B. B. B.

Thursday 8th November 1848 Commences with gentle
breeze from N heading by the wind N.E. W. at
6 Am Larboard watch, Holy Stone the Poole at
8 Am caught a flying fish. Hands employ'd
painting Ship at 2 P.M. hands employ'd
setting up Topmast Back Stays and Starboard
Girggen and Top Gallant back Stays

Friday 9th Fine breezes from N and Southerly this
morning Starboard watch Holy Stone the Starboard
side of the main deck in the afternoon the
Starboard watch set up Larboard main rigging
Topmast back Stays and Shrouds and Fore Top
gallant rigging at 4 P.M. the wind halled to N. E. by E.
Squared the yards and set Topmast and Top gallant
Star Sails at 10 P.M. set Lower Star Sail on Star Side

Sat 10th Moderate breezes from E. S. E. from 6 till
8 Am Holy Stoning Poole and main deck at 9 Am
Set Main Topmast Star Sail on the Starboard side
and shifted over Lower Star Sail the wind at S. E.
at 10 P.M. a heavy Squall all hands to be in Star Sails
royals and mizzen Top Gallant Sail set and
Spanker continues with fresh breezes through the night

Sunday 11th Moderate breezes as usual at 7 Am set
Fore and main Top gallant Star Sails at 8 Am
commenced to bend the cables and set the anchor
on the pile at 12 noon Squally look in Star
Sails and royals and Top gallant sails at 12 P.M.
perceived a Ship standing by the wind with Starboard
Sails on board Wind from N. E. by E. at 4 P.M.
Finished bending chains and anchors Ship heading
by the wind. Fair by W. wind N. E. and Squally

Mon 12th Squally weather wind from N. E. Steering by the wind Lar
board on board the Ship, mather much water pumps out of order at 6
carpenter repaired the pumps at 12 noon wind E. S. E. at 1 P.M. the
wind halled to E Squared the yards and set Star Sails and Top gallant

Journal of Ship Acc't From London and N. W.
Towards Bermuda, Capt. J. D. C. Jr.
Sept 14. 1848

Mon, Sept 14th Novr 1848 Fine breeze from E. by S course S. by E. at 7
Set the Sails on N. Leeward Side at 12 noon Lat 31.4
at 2 Pm Took in the Sails at 7 Pm at 8 Pm the
Sail took in light Sails and reef the Top Sails
courses fished and Main top Sail to the mast laying
for daylight expecting to make the land in the
morning if it be clear weather

Tues 14th Commences with strong breezes from W. at
12 midnight tacked Ship to the S. by E. at 3 Pm
made all Sail and stood by the wind Starboard
Sacks on board at 7 Pm Saw the land the
Island of Bermuda bearing N. by E. dist 15 m
noon wind from W. by S. and Squalls at 1 Pm the
Ship was within 4 miles of the land the light
house bearing W. Took in Top Gallant Sails and
Flying jib and tacked Ship to the E. by S. at 3 Pm
saw a pilot Boat standing off from the land
Tacked Ship and stood towards her at 4 Pm the
Pilot boarded us the light house bearing N. by E. at
6 miles the Ship heading by the wind N. by E. by W.
Strong breezes and Squalls

Wed 15th Strong breezes at 3 Pm came to anchor in
4 fathoms of water the Dockyard bearing
East dist 1/2 mile found the brig Margate
of Yarmouth here loaded with Coals from
New Port L. B. 64 days passage at 4 Pm the
Capt went on shore and when he returned on
he brought 6 letters for the crew but not
one for me imagine how I feel no letters
for poor me I have been away from home 3 years
and four months and have not had a solitary letter
I feel as if I was all alone in the world without friends or
relation. Well this is a fine harbour there is a fine
Dock yard and dock built of ratted stone and some
three convict hulks full of prisoners lying in the

Journal of Ship Wicest from London
towards Bermuda Capt J J Carr
Reply to Dr
Harbour Journal

- Thursday Nov 16th 1848 At 6 Am Turned too
washed decks off Fore and aft hoisted the Sails
dryed them on bent them made them up and
stowed them away in the Sail room at 12 noon
sent down main top gallant yard to refill
the riggen and bands at 6 Pm pumped Ship and
at 8 Pm Set the watch Ends with fine weather
- Friday 17th Fine weather hands employ fitting the
top Gallant Yard Sails it is so at 9 Pm
the West India Mail Steamer Forth arrived then
on her way for St Thomas V.I.
- Sat 18th Fine weather hands employ repairing Sails
refitting riggen and scrubbing paint at 4 Pm
hauled along side the Steamer Forth to coal
her worked till 8 Pm rocketed off and pumped
Ship Set the watch let the Ship swing off for
on the Steamer to be anchor.
- Sunday 19th Pleasant weather at 6 Am called all hands
pumped Ship then orders was given to haul along
side the Forth this done the next was turned
too and coal the Steamer. I for one well not
work coals to day and they all refused to
discharge as it was. Sunday the Capt
offered us 2 dollars if we would work an
one days liberty I told the Capt if I wor
ked I would not take his two dollars on a day
either I had been hard at work all the week
and wanted rest hauled the Ship off from
alongside the Steamer and hoisted the Sails
washed decks and sundry other jobs
at 4 Pm fished Sails the Brig morgan
discharged coals all day the Capt was
a Methodist also but he did not
regard the Sabbath when there was dollars to be
made

Journal of Ship Alecto at Bermuda

Capt J. D. Canby

Regt. M. R. R. R.

Monday 20th Nov 1848 at 5 A.M. Hauled along
side the Quincy and commenced to discharge
Coals. She arrived last night about midnight.
Hauled off work at half past 6 P.M. This day
done a good days work, pumped ship, got supper
and turned in to Sleep

Tues 21st Fine weather at 6 A.M. commenced to work
coaling the Steamer till she got up Steamer
and was ready to sail. Then hauled into the
dock moved ship got supper and went to
Sleep and dreamer of home

Nov 22nd 23rd 24th 25th and 26th All of these five
days nothing particular occurred but hard at
work discharging Coals in the Dock. This
Dockyard is like a Prison to merchant
Sailors there is nothing to be seen but Convicts
and Soldiers and you are not allowed to speak to
them while they are at work

Monday 27th Tues 28th Wed 29th and Thurs 30th Fine
weather - hard employed discharging coals

Friday 1st Dec 1848 Strong breezes and fine weather
wind N.E. at 10 A.M. H.M. Ship Wellfleet
Admiral Cockren arrived and moved ship off
the Dockyard H.M. Ship Scourge hauled into
the Cannels and moved her ribboon over our
Taffrail so we are not withered a little

Excitement throughout the day
Sat 2nd Fine breezes from N.E. and clear weather
at 4 P.M. the Brig Margaret hauled out
of the Cannels and anchored in the Strime
She is bound for Farmouth N.S. I sent
two letters home by the mate of the
on my arrival here he was the one that told
me that my girl in Farmouth N.S. had
given me up and was to be married soon to a man
so I did not send any letters to her

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Journal of Ship Alcest at Barmanua
Capt. J. D. Can kept by J. D. Can

- Sunday 3rd December 1848 Fine pleasant wether washed
off the decks and got breakfast then took
the boat went out into the harbour and
had a bathe went outside of the harbour
and dove up Sea fans Sea urchins and Shells
and got back by 6 Pm. all right
- Monday 4th All hands turned to and overhauled ship
and hauled out into the middle of the dock
at 9 Am the English West India mail
Steamer ship Great Western arrived and
moored alongside the wharfe at 10 Am
we halled alongside of her and commenced
to discharge coals into her. After Supper
Brown one of our sailors had a fiddle and
we were all invited on board fiddle and dance
till 9 Pm one of the Lieutenants invited
Brown into the Saloon and there the passengers
had a dance they kept it up till 2 o'clock in
the morning
- Tues 5th Hands employed discharging coals into
the Steamer after Supper went on board
and spent the evening
- Wed 6th Finished Coaling the Steamer today
she expects to sail for England tomorrow
having on board two millions of Pound
Sterling in Dollars besides a great
quantity of Cochineal this would be
a good Prize for a Pirate if he could seize
a purchase to get it
- Thurs 7th At 10 Am the Steamer left the comber and
halled alongside of the Flag ship Wellesley at 11 Am
arrived the Scotch Brig Alice Cleveland Capt Williams at 2 Pm
halled in to our berth and commenced to discharge
cargo on Shore

Journal of Ship Abess at Bermuda
Capt. J. D. Can, Master

Kept by 13 Dooms

Friday 8th Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 1848 All of these three days discharging cargo bathing diving up Sea fans and getting shelles eight of our men got leave to go onshore the Capt got a Pass for them to get out of the Dock Yard gate

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th Discharging cargo as usual finished on Tuesday and hauled over to the ballast wharf and moved Ship all hands as slack as the Devil him self

Sunday 17th Dec 1848 Nothing particular having occurred these last few days but washing Ship &c to day I got the boat and leave to go to Town (St. John's) bought some fruit and had a Sail round the Island got home by dark

Monday 18th Fine wether Strong breezes from S.W. and cold commenced this morning ballasting the Ship divided our selves into two gangs each gang had a cart the size of a horse cart with one tongue and a crossbar on the end of it so we were yoked up 5 men to a cart each load about a ton so poor Jack is transformed from a Sailor to a drudge and thus it is with the poor Jack he has to be every thing but a gentleman and a good fellow

Tuesday 19th Wed 20. Still carting ballast to day arrived the Brig Abickbrook Capt Spooner of Liverpool N.S. from Antigua loaded with cement for Government

Thursday 21st Friday 22nd Still yoked up carting ballast harder work enough worse than the convicts however growell you may but go you must and the more cheafull you worke the better you feel and the better you get used

Harbour Journal of Ship *Sleeper* at Bermuda

Saturday 23rd Dec 1848 Strong gales from N.W. and
cold commenced to bend Sails got two men
from the muck-mach to help us got them
all bent and fished at 3 Pm
Sunday 24th Strong gales at 8 AM got a hawser
out a Stern and cast off our mowing, loosed the
Top Sails and let them cast off the hawser
hoisted the jib and let her go out of the
dock came to anchor in 4 fathoms of water
about a half mile from the Shore and
a boat one hundred yards from the Flag Ship
fished Sails and cleared up the decks this is a
nothin Specimine how Sailors have to spend
their Sundays at 2 Pm two passengers
(Convicts) came on board for the United States
at 3 Pm the Alice Haveland sailed for
St Domingo at 4 Pm went on shore for
our wash clothes got them came on board and
got Supper Now this is Christmas Eve
perhaps there may be some one or other that
may have a stray thought sent out after me
to night wondering if I am alive and if I am
where he is I know but of one or two that
will bother these thoughts about me as I
have heard while I lay here that my Sweet-
hart had given me up for good and was
pitched onto another one well all Sutch
Sweet harts goo for what they will fetch it does
not grieve me much I have not lost one
night's sleep through it but there is one or
if they are alive that is thinking of me
this night and that is my dear Father
and mother may God Bless them and help
them I am to become like they are and return
too see them once more

Harbour Journal of Ship Bleet
at Bermuda Capt J. D. Carr

Monday December 25th 1848 Christmas Day
Fine weather and strong breeze I was roused
out of my sleep this morning by the mate cry-
ing out turn out all hands wash decks and the
word was to be heard from the Sailors Oh d- you
decks this is Christmas we want to go to church
but out you must come and wash her off fore and
aft or forfeit wages and clothes and I do not
think that I should have care much about that
If I was home to day it would be a good looking
fellow that could get me to wash his decks of
this morning. Now while I am at work dirty
and as black as the Devil some of my old acquaintances
are clean and dressed up going to church and when they
come home they will have a good dinner to sit down
too but as for me I have to work hard and fare hard
Now the girls I suppose they have got me all
together or that there ever was such a fellow as B. D.
till some of the boys little devils as they are stopp them
in the road and then they may think of the peace making
at 9 Am all hands get the Tackles on the yards get the
boats in then you hear the orders given and hearing
have a hand there and hoist the Top Sails hurry up there
look at that fellow going up the rigging like a sick bee
I come and light you up with a rope lantern and so on
at 10.30 Am all hands man the windles and get under way
we beat down to the Point by Forte Catherine the
Ship miss stayed and got on shore run out a Kedge and
warped her off come to anchor and let her lay the remain-
der of the night now this is how I spent my
Christmas while you at home are enjoying every thing
that is good and do not even think to offer up even
a prayer for poor Sailors that have no time to pray
for themselves Oh how little we are thought of
by the people in general

Journal of Ship Officers from Bermuda
Towards Savanna N.S. Capt. Can

1848 by George Dean

Tuesday Dec 26th 1848 Commences with strong breezes
and clear weather took four men and went to look
for the Redge that we lost last night. Had to
cut the hawsers and buoy the Redge looked two
or three hours for it but could not find it the
current swept the buoy under water so we went
on shore by the fort and had a walk got some
holy stones and returned onboard got dinner
and started again got the Redge and got on
board by 5 o'clock it blowing a gale from
North let go the Starboard anchor let the
watch hoist a light &c &c

Wed 27th More moderate at 4 Am calm at 6 Am
a breeze sprang up from N. E. & at 8 Am
the Pilot and Capt went on shore the wind
being a head move up the Starboard anchor
through out the day hands employed putting
on chafing gear and sundry other jobs

Thurs 28th Fresh breezes at 6 Am all hands wash and holy
stone the Poole after Breakfast Port watch set
up fore rigged and Starboard watch holy stoning
the decks at 10 Am the Pilot and Capt came
onboard strong gales from S. W. at 1 Pm thus
swept the Cap Sails weighed anchor and proceeded
to sea the Pilot left us at 4 Pm at 6 Pm
the Light house bore S. W. by S Dist 10 miles
Heavy Squalls of rain and wind lapping Squalls
throughout the night Took Ship four lines
the Ship in every light set off ballast and on
a lee shore which is not a very comfortable
situation especely about these reefs which
abound about those Islands

Journal of Ship Acast From Bermuda
Towards Savannah Georgia U.S. Capt. Can
Rapp B.D.

Friday December 29th 1848 Commenced to moderate
and hauled to the Northward at 4 AM headed
by the wind & by N. Port tack, on board at 2 PM
hauled up the courses and closed under easy sail
till daylight then were Ship at 6 AM hauled
the reefs out of the Top Sails set the courses
and Top gallant Sails the wind E.S.E. and
the course N.E. by N. at 12 noon set Top gallant
Star Sails at 4 PM wore Ship and set Starboard
Top mast Star Sails on the Port side wind E.S.E.
course N.W. by S. latter part rainy and fresh breezes
Sat 30th Strong breezes and rainy weather Took in Star
Sails at 5 AM took in Fore and Mizzen Top gall
Sails at 8 AM set Top gallant Sails again
middle part strong gales 12 noon took in Fore
main and Mizzen Top gallant Sails and F. Gil
at 3 PM Two reefs the Top Sails at 5 PM
reefed the courses and close reefed the Top Sails
and were Ship at 7 PM wind N.E. by N. course S. by
by S. at 8 PM heavy Squalls and hauled to the Northward
Sun 31st First part strong gales from N. by N. Ship by the
wind Starboard Tacks on board at 4 AM The
wind N. strong by S. more moderate at 8
AM commenced to make sail the wind hauled
to the Eastward all of the time at 7.30 had
a C. Sail set the wind at E.N.E. Star Sails
low and aloft at 8 AM hove the log was
going 8 knots Sticky breezes throughout the day
at 6 PM hove the log the Ship going 10
at 8 PM took in Studding Sails the wind
hauled westerly and heavy Squalls
at 11 PM the wind N.E. by N. course
N. by S. Ends with fresh breezes
and cloudy weather

Journal of Ship Acast from Barmuda
Towards Savannah Georgia U.S. Capt. Com
Reps by B.S.

Monday January 1st 1849 First part Strong gales
attended with rain Course W by E wind from
East Set Fore and Main Topmast Shudding Sails
at 8 Am parted Shudding Sail Mainward and Port-
Fore Top gallant Sheet and also the Slings
of the Main Mast all hands at work taking
in Sail and repairing Slings of main yard at
noon had the yard repaired fixed main course
Ends with Strong gales and rainy weather all
hands to Supper wet and cold been at
work all day so ends New Years day

Tues 2nd Strong breezes from E by S Course W by S at 6 Am
commenced to holly Stone the Main deck with a
Stone seeing about 150 lbs at 8 Am got the
holly boat in on deck and cleaned her and at
noon commenced painting her and setting up
Mizzen Rigging wind hauled to the Northward
at 2 Pm wind North at 3 Pm heavy Squalls
Took in Top gallant Sails at 8 Pm the wind
hauled more Easterly at 11 Pm Set Main Top
Gallant Sail 12 midnight wind N E course
W by N at 4 Pm Long 74° 14 W

Wed 3rd Fresh gales from N.E. Course W by N at 6
wash down the Poop at 8 holly Stone main deck
through out the day hands employed Scrubbing
joint work holly Stoning washing and Sanding
other jobs a baked Pig for dinner the
weather very warm supposed to be in the Gulf
Stream Cloudy the Capt in good humor to day
at 3 Pm got up 30 fathoms of Starboard
chain at 4 Pm Took in Fore and main
Topmast Sheet Sails thick and rainy weather
Course W.S.W. at 8 Pm the wind shifted to N.W.
in a heavy Squall took in Top gallant Sails
Fore and Crossack Single reef the Top Sails heading W by S

Journal of Ship Alcest from Bermuda Towards Savannah Georgia U.S. Coast

Capt. Can
Sept. 1849
Savannah

Thursday, January 4th 1849 Commenced more moderate breeze from N.E. by W. Steering W. by S. at 8 Am made all sail hands employed putting bales to the deck buckets making swabs and repairing sails at 4 Pm breeze freshens to strong gale Took in Top Gallant Sails and Crossjack at 8 Pm took in F. jib and reefed the Top Sails at 9 Pm took a cast of the lead struck soundings 30 fathoms and Sandy bottom hove the lead every half hour throughout the night soundings varying from 30 to 25 fathoms

Friday 5th Gentle breeze from N at 8 Am Set Top gallant Sails at 6 Am Took the mizzen out of the Top Sails at 8 Am Tacked Ship the wind from N. by W. at 3 Pm got up 20 fathoms of the Port chain cable at 5 Pm took in the Top gallant Sails at 8 Pm Tacked Ship wind N. by W. Lime juice and vinegar neglected to be served out to day being eleven days at sea and 5 of them on short allowance. latter part very squally weather no Lime Juice

Sat 6th Strong breeze from N Steering W. by N. at 9 Am Set Fore and Mizzen Top Gallant Sails hands employed scraping hole beams and cleaning the whole at 3 Pm breeze freshened took in Top Gallant Sails Crossjack and F. jib at 6 Pm Tacked Ship wind N. by W. heading W all of these 24 hours the soundings varied from 20 to 12 fathoms of water at 11 Pm saw City Light Savannah Georgia bearing W. by S. 12th Lime juice neglected to be served

Sunday 7th Gentle breeze from S. by E. Steering by the wind N. by E. at 4 Am Tacked Ship got the fish scaled up and put the anchors on the pile at 6 Am Tacked again hands repairing F. jib at 9 Am Savannah Pilot came on board and took charge over hauled 15 fathoms of chain and got the anchors off the pile at 11 Am came to anchor being close the light and the Forts signal light this is another Landing place Lime Juice not served out to day

Journal of Ship Alecton from Bermuda
towards Savannah Georgia Capt. J. E. Can

Monday January 5th 1849 Commenced with gentle breeze
and fine weather at 6 AM called all hands came
up the anchor and at 7.30 the Ship was underway at
Sail. Sea at 10 AM came to anchor in the river about
4 mile point. Hoisted Sails and got dinner. The Capt and
Pilot went on shore at 1 PM wash decks and pump ship.
The land on both sides of the river are low and marshy
with a growth of tall reeds at 5 PM four or five
four runners from boarding houses came on board and offer-
ed to take us on shore and Ship us in other boarding Ship
for 40 Dollars per month but we could not see it. Capt
killed old birds with chaff so they went back as they came
Tuesday 6th Fine weather after breakfast scraped masts and
grease down mast headed the top sail yards expecting
to sail. Scrubbed Ship hung rigging and made ready to
paint Ship some brush with the Carpenter repairing the
slings of main yard came up with the main top mast
sigger at 5 PM the Capt sent off word to the First
mate to have the Ship ready for Sea next morning by
7 o'clock no fresh provisions nor lime juice served
Wednesday 10th Fine weather and cold at 6.30 called all hands set
up main top mast sigger lines and rigging it off
at 6 AM at 10 AM got underway but the surge
being strong from the river and the tide running the
river very narrow we got a ground on the South
and kept back at 4 PM got hodge and hauled in to the boat
sanitized the middle of the river and when this time
hauled her off and proceeded down the river at 11 PM came
to anchor in five fathom water
Thursday 11th Strong gales and cold weather a white frost at 6 AM
all hands got the Ship underway and steamed down the river under
top sails and courses at 10 AM came to anchor about the
Point at 1 PM cleared up the decks and pumped Ship at 3 PM the
Capt picked up a deer of a row with the Pilot for not other in
the river at 5 PM hoisted up the top mast yards ready in the morning

Journal of Ship Fleet from (Barbuda)
Barbuda towards the series a Capt. James Duncanson
First Lt. Henry Duncanson

- Friday January 12th 1849 Strong gales through out the day at
3 Pm went ashore and got some Cypres did not get
the ship underway to day the wind a head and too strong
Sat 13th Fine breeze from S by E at 6 Am all hands got
the ship underway bore short her the top sails and wait
ed for the tide to turn at 9 Am weighed anchor and
proceeded to sea bound for Apalachicola at 1 Pm crossed
the bar backed the Mizzen top sail to put out the
Pilot the Capt would not pay him this 1st stage so
he called the boat and two more Pilots came on board
and they settled it amongst them and left the ship
in Grace forward the yards and stood on our course S by E
at 2 Pm let larboard Land M. top mast and
top Gallant top sails got the anchors on the rail
and stowed the chains below the main had a row with
one of the men and threatened to smash his brains out
Sun 14th Fine weather and gentle breeze from S.W. by S the ship
heading S.E. nothing to report for a wonder
Monday 15 Gentle breeze from S.W. by S. Ship heading S.E. hands
employd polishing the decks and varnishing the Poop
at 7 Am strong breeze took in S. main and Mizzen
top Gallant sails and with S. main
Tues 16th Commenced with strong breeze at 4 Am more
moderate let top Gallant sails run from the main
at 6 Am the wind fell to West Square breeze
and let all the sail we could master steering South
at 11 Am the wind pulled to the S by E in S. main
sails hands employd polishing and varnishing deck
all at the same time
Wed 17th Commenced with light breeze from S. the ship
heading S.E. at 12 noon backed ship heading N.W. light
airs and variables at 4 Pm backed ship and in a half hour back
again at 8 Pm all hands to the pumps this was no danger
to put in our Cypres but not for our sea

Journal of Ship Fleet From Savanna N. C.
Towards Apalachicola Capt. J. T. Can. Reply B. Don

Thurs 18th January 1849 Commences with light breezes
from S. E. W. Ship heading by the wind S. E. by E. and
employ painting Ship and repairing rigging,
at 5 Am let Crojack Course. middle part to
weather at 5 Pm the wind halled N. E. E.
the course S. W. by S. Squared. the yards let 4 Am
Top mast Star Sails pump Ship and gat. Supper
if it will bear the name of Supper we had been
and beef Tea coffee with no sweetening this is
hard lines. Poop Sailors have to work hard get
but little money and see half Starvation

Friday 19 First part fine breezes from E. S. E. Course S. W. by S.
at 3 Am shifted the Star Sails over on the Port Side
and let Top gallant Star Sails at 7 Am passed Bri-
onsline from Charleston N. C. bound for Matanzas
Cuba while passing her the the Fore Top mast
Star Sail halwards partly halled it down rose a
new one and let the Sail again at Pm Strong gale
let carrying Star Sails at 4 Pm was obliged to call
all hands to take in Sail took in the lower Sails
and two kept the Top Sails and halled by the
wind did not like to run for the whole in
the Hall at night at 9 Pm hove the main
Top Sail to the mast and lay till daylight

Sat 20th Strong breezes from E. S. E. at 6 Am called all
hands and made Sail the man that was loosing
the main Top gallant Sail cried out Sam. C.
on the Harboar became distant miles then kept
the Ship off B. L. S. and let the Tudding Sails
at 10 Am let the royal yards aloft and bent the
Sails at 1 Pm made Starros then busing. W.
Dir 8 miles hand employ painting Ship at 10
Pm. hanged the course to S. W. shifted over the
Tudding Sails on the Port Side and with fine
weather and fresh breezes

Journal of Ship Ties - From Havana
Towards Epatachiccia Cap. N. D. Can
Rep. J. Ben. D.

Sunday 21st January 1849 First part gentle breeze from
N.E. Course S.W. at 6 Am washed decks and pumped
Ship at 2 Pm changed the course to S.W. with
coffee Tea and Sugar for breakfast for the Sail
but in the Cabin there is every thing that heart
can wish for them that do the work must have
and do without the necessities of life and them
that eat it on do not know how to appreciate
the value of good living for they never have to
be deprived of it and I can hear the cook grinding
pear for the Sailors Coffee and real coffee for the
cabin and when supper is ready they will say
to poor Jack come to your Sea for the peas is
boiled it puts me in mind of poor Pat come
to your Sea for the peaches are boiled and this
is the way that Sailors is treated invariably
at 4 Pm changed the course to N.W. and shipped
over the Sea Sails at 6 Pm saw the Double Head
Shot Key bearing S.W. by N. 1/2 W. Dist 10 miles took in
Lower Sea Sails and halled to N.W. home then I saw
got me bottom at 8 Pm squared the yards and halled
off N.E.W. Let Lower Sea Sails at 11 Pm passed the
Double head Shot Key sight Dist 8 miles

Monday 22nd Gentle breeze from N.E. Course W at 6 Am
commenced to pump Ship and rocked off at
11 Am without sucking her hands employed
painting Ship and repairing rigging nothing
particular only no time just to day and
we have been ten days at Sea on Salt
provisions

Tues 23rd Strong breeze from N.E. Course N.W. at 4
Am halled in Lower Sea Sails at 6 Am took in Top
Vopmast Sea Sails and fired main royal and halled
to the wind heading N.N.W. pumped for two hours
and could not suck the pumps wind at 6 by N.

Journal of Ship Alect from Savannah, Ga.
Towards Apalachicola Capt. D. Can
Kept by Benj. Drake

Tuesday 24th January 1849 Gentle breeze from E.
Course S. by W. Hands employ setting up port
fore rigging Topmast and Topgallant rigging at
4 PM changed the course to S. S. W. Squared in
the yards and got up 30 fathoms of chain and got
the anchors off the rails into the Chocs Set 27 1/2 fms

Wednesday 25th Fine breeze from E. course S. S. W. took in
the royals at 2 PM took in all the light sails
and hauled up the courses and laid the main
Top Sail to the mast to wait for day light
at 5 AM hove the lee got soundings in 23 fath
of water braced forward and made Sail Steering
E. N. E. at 6 AM aman in the chains to heave
the lee Saw the land ahead at 8 AM hauled
the Ship up by the wind and stood along the
land at 10 AM got a Pilot as the Pilot was
boarding I took a cast of the lee the line caught
around my head and took off my cap and I lost it.
at 11 AM came to anchor in St. Georges Sound
Apalachicola furled Sails after dinner hands
employ clearing up the Ship whole the mate
Thomas Morris and my self painting Ship

Friday 26th Fine weather and gentle breeze from S. E. hands
employ throughout the day painting Ship and
Shifting ballast Starboard watch at the ballast
and port watch at painting at 4 PM rain painted
worked off painting and rezing brooms at 5 PM
went on board of a cotton lighter and got 2 bbls
of Beef coffee Tea and other Stores now we th
ought we would have a good truck out but
when tea time came the tea was like dish
water and I. C. C. D. M. D. if the Capt
had been on board if I would not have been is at his
head but the Mate promised us that we should
have good coffee and tea from this out

Journal of Ship Doctor (Trin)
Laying in St. Georges Sound,opalachin

Jan 27th January 1846. Chalmers hands empty at the ballast loose the sails and droyed them at 4 Pm went in the boat after the captain he told me that he had got a freight of cotton for the ship at 1/8 of a penny per silverpool at 6 Pm furled sails went to supper then turned in and went to Sleep

Jan 28th This morning dark cloudy weather at 6 Am wash decks and pump ship after Breakfast cleaned all of the clothing out of the Forecastle and commenced a general massacre of bed bugs at 9 Am the Capt. Second mate and myself and two Seaman went in the jolly boat Oystering we got quite numbers of Oysters and a wa. Through the pines and Oaks and had a good bathing got home at 4 Pm got our dinner and supper in one

Monday 29th Fine weather at 6 Am all hands was called to go to work to clear up the hold and prepare to stow cotton sent 5 barrels of coal on board Ship Casuse after dinner hoisted the Life Boat and Pinnas up and this after part of the main mast the remainder part of the day was burnbugging about the decks &c

Tuesday 30th This morning thick fog the wind from S.S.E. at 8 Am the sun came out and dispersed the fog then it fell calm very hot and sultry at 6 Pm a lightner came along side with 170 Bales of cotton and a cargo done made her fast along side for the night

Wednesday 31st Thick fog all day with a light breeze from E.S.E. at 4.30 Am all hands was called to get coffee and turn in at 5 to discharge the lightner now this will not do for us this is too early to go to work and work till 6 and half past 6 some times so the mate had to call us three or four times before we came out of the fore castle he growled at us and we growled at him on board the lightner discharged 25 Ton of coal and stowed 40 Bales of Cotton on the ground tier

Journal of Ship Wrecked Sailing in St George's Sound
Apalachicola Loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Thurs 1st February 1849 Fine clear weather the wind from
N at 6 Am commenced to stow cotton got the
most part of the ground tier stowed. This work
is not new to me for screwing cotton is something
like wood stowing in the collareys the work
screwing is very hard it is not put in so tight
as cotton hooked off at 6 Pm

Friday 2nd To day thick fog wind from N at 6 Am
all hands turn to loading cotton again at 8
Pm a lighter came along side with 150 bales
of cotton hoisted it in hold some of it on tween
decks and stowed the rest of it on the spar deck
at 8 Pm a lighter came along side with prov-
isions and planks to lay a tween deck we
took onboard the provisions and left the pla-
nks till morning hoisted up the boat and
went to supper

Sat 3rd Thick fog at 6 commenced to take in the plug
two foreman steycloves and one labourer came
down in this lighter after we got the plankers
in the Stevedore took a gang and commenced
to stow cotton forward he picked me out the
first one for his gang the rest of the crew at
work discharging ballast into the lighter

Sunday 4th Thick fog the wind from N.E. to day
we washed our selves and put on our clean clothes
the decks is piled up to the upper decks with
bales of cotton the cotton is laying about the
decks and in the hold like as if it was of
no use this is a day of rest for us and as
sailors call it Beers holiday day

Mon 5th Fine weather with passing clouds of fog wind
from E.N.E. at 6 Am the Capt went on shore at 10 Am the
Boys done divided the ships company into 3 gangs in the Stevedores
gang was Thomas Morris John Stappord & B.L. = Brewer and Berg
Doane at 6 Pm hooked off work and got supper

Journal of Ship. Mast at St George Sound
Apalachicola Loading with the Cotton for Liverpool
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Tuesday 6th February 1849 Cold weather at 6 Am all
hands at work screwing cotton and such a noise with
the screws and all hands singing you could not hear
your own voice just go to one of the hatchways
when the three gangs are at work driving home
their self it will put you in mind of a Free will
Baptist prayer meeting when all hands is the
time both the Saint and Sinner and you cannot
understand what either one is saying but the
singing puts life into the men and the work
goes on cheerly and lively

Wednesday 7th All of these 24 hours fine clear weather hands
employed as usual the Carpenter building a house
on deck to stow cotton in it will carry about 30 bales
the Capt is up to town a Spolar King with the girls
but we poor devils are obliged to stay on board
of the ship and work hard and see some of the
fashions on Spark the pretty Southern ladies

Thursday 8th Fine weather wind from S.E. turned too at 6
stowing cotton at 8 Am a Slighter came along side
after breakfast turned too and discharged the
sighter of 100 Bales of Cotton got dinner and
then commenced the noise down the hold
blow why dont you blow ah. ho. cum role
me over blow you natives blow ah. hu. &c
worked off work at 6 twisted up the rope got
tea and went to bed and went to sleep

Friday 9th Hazy weather wind from N. by W. at
11 Am Drizzle of rain to day two gangs
commenced to work stowing between decks and
one gang below in the lower hold the
noise is deafning it puts me in mind some time
of going to a school house done when the School master
is out some is singing Jerry King and Julia Handy
and a handy. Come role me over. I'll leave you cheerly &c

Journal of Ship & Crew at St Georges Town
in a schooner loading with Cotton for Liverpool
Sept 1849

Saturday 10th Feb 1849 Commenced with rainy weather wind
from S.E. at 6 AM. Began to work the pump for
the water. some good hoovers was the cry from
the Stevedores. Nothing extraordinary occurred during
the day. but heavy showers of rain and strong gales
nearly off work at 6 PM. at 7 PM heavy rains
and violent gales with thunder and lightning
at 8 PM all hands were called to set go the port
anchor it was very dark indeed you could
not see the large globe lantern. the
mate held in his hand for the rain
and the lightning partly blinded us. The anchor
was let go and caught in the back stays I got over
onto it to clear it and a sharp flash of lightn-
ing came it played round the anchor like fire
from a hot iron it blinded me so that I
could not see for an hour afterwards we got
the anchor clear let it go and paid out 20
fathoms of Chain my head felt quite sick for
some time after I got to bed.

Sunday 11th Day weather wind from N.W. washed
decks and got breakfast washed ourselves
and some of our dirty clothes at 4 PM. hoisted
the port anchor. In the evening same weather
at 6 PM hoisted up the boat got our tea finished
our pipes spun yarns argued the point a little
then went to bed and soon was dreaming of a
Sunday Evening at home amongst the 2 girls we have
Monday 12th Dark Day weather towards noon the sun
came out and the weather cleared off fine at 1 PM
the Capt came on board and at 3 PM went on
shore again at 6 PM washed off work hoisted
up the boat and went to supper.
at night when the light was lit in the Forecastle I felt
it hurt my eyes very much so I tied a handkerchief over
them

Journal of Ship Heest at St Georges Town
Cathalachicola Loading with cotton for Liverpool

Tuesday 13th Feb. 1849. Fine clear weather wind from
S.E. at 6 AM all hands as soon as I came in
the light my Eyes began to pain me the mate
bathed them with Brandy and tied a handkerchief
over them at 7 AM a Lighter came along
my side with 150 Bales of cotton for us and
some planks all hands hoist in the cotton
the weather quite cool ice in the buckets
at 10 finished hoisting in the cotton and then
a 1st hand down below stow it and jam Secy
crowd and smash it into every corner

my eyes very sore and tired some

Wednesday 14th Fine 24 hours fine weather and cold from
breezes from N.E. after breakfast the mate
and carpenter took the boat and four men
and went out here to cut spars for Star Sail
booms the boat returned at 4 PM at 6 PM
cleared up the decks hoisted up the boats and
went to Supper &c &c

Thursday 15th Fine clear cold weather wind from N.E.
at 6 AM commenced stowing cotton as usual
to day finished laying the second tier of bales
in the lower hold the mate sent the boat
on board of a droger and got some clothing and
shoes that the Capt had bought for the men
in Town at 6 PM worked off work and went
to Bed had a long argument about different

Friday 16th Heavy rain and cold. Wind from N.E. at 9 AM the weather cleared up
fine at noon a Lighter came alongside with 150 bales
of cotton for us all hands hoist in the cotton at 2
commenced to stow Joseph commenced duty to day having
been laid up with the Venereal disease for 3 weeks
he was much in fear that he would lose a Sexton member
that would make him useless for life

Journal of Ship Alect at St George Sound
Apalachicola loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Saturday 17th February 1843 Fine weather and Fresh breeze
from N.W. at 6 Am Loosed the Sails to clear at
5 Pm a lightor came along side with 188 Bales
of cotton for us nooked off work in the hold and
fired Sails and then hoisted in 60 bales of cotton
and left the rest for the morning

Sund 18th Fine clear cold weather wind N.W. at 6 Am
all hands hoist in the remainder of the cotton
and stow it on deck the decks are piled up
three tiers above the rail with bales of cotton
after breakfast washed our selves. The
Steward served out Some Tobs for the Sailors
I got 1 1/2 pounds of Tobacco to day we had a good
rest but Sunday is more of a day of Sport
than a day of holyness on board of a ship
you will see Some boat Sailing Some sewing
Some jumping and others swearing. I think
that Sailors are the most wicked class of
people in the world

Monday 19th Fine weather with a Sharpe fresh wind from
N.W. at 6 Am commenced to clear away the
cotton and get ready for work at 8.30 Am
commenced our old noisey work again. The
Capt was visiting all day about amongst
the Shipping He often visited the Ship
Sakura of West Cassat the Capt has his wife
with him nooked off at the usual hour and
hoisted up the boat and went to Supper

Tues 20th Fine weather wind from N.W. at 6 Am comm.
at the cotton one of the Foreman being Sick
did not go to work the Second mate took his
place and carried on the work at 10 Am
the Capt went to Town and took the Sick man with
him now the Capt has gon the work goes on much
better and we have good times

Journal of Trip Acrost St Georges Sound
Apalachicola loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Wednesday 21st Feb 1849 Fine warm weather wind from S.E. at 10 Am a lightor came alongside with 77 bales of Cotton hoisted it in the Second mate and Harry had a row the Second mate struck him and he did not resent it courageously struck and courageously yielded to it.

Thursday 22nd Fine weather The wind from S.W. at 1 P.M. The first mate Second mate and his gang and the carpenter went on shore to cut Spars and the rest went on with the cotton the Boat returned at 8 P.M. with three Spars for the Sail booms

Friday 23rd Fine warm weather the wind from S.W. after we got our coffee we hoisted in the Spars and pumped out the Ship and then went to work down the whole of the Cotton at 11 Am sent the boat on board of a light for some provisions. Two boys tarring down rigg knocked off work at the usual hour got tea and went to bed to dream of home

Saturday 24th This morning foggy weather wind N.N.W. at 6 Am at work at the cotton at 9 Am a lightor came alongside with 204 bales of Cotton knocked off work in the whole and hoisted in the cotton at 4 P.M. the Capt came on board

Sunday 25th Which day this morning all hands turned out pumped Ship and washed down decks washed our selves and got our breakfast at 10 Am the Capt Second mate and Boat crew went in the Boat to Town. After dinner I asked the mate for the Launch to go on board as the fog he saw me sail and I went at 7 P.M. the boat returned from Town the Capt tipped up Coar at 6 P.M. and up the boat and all hands to bed

Journal of this vessel at St. George's Bay
Apalachicola loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Monday 26th Feb 1849 Fine weather the wind from N.W.
at 6 AM commenced our daily work again
stowing Cotton at 10 AM the Carpenter went
to work on board of the Commodore of St John
S.B. took off work at the usual hour -
11 AM by the fine weather wind from S.W. at 2 PM
while stowing at our screws on a heavy S.E.
blowing from the gun away the keel of the
Dampson Boat gave way and struck Thomas Morris
on the leg and hurt him very much so that
he is not able to go to work

Tuesday 27th Feb Strong breeze from S.W. at 6 AM
pumped ship and went on with our work
stowing Cotton at 10 AM the first mate
fell down the Stair with a crow bar in his
hand and hurt himself very much Thomas
Morris not able to live on duty to day
Wednesday 1st March 1849 Fine clear weather the wind
from S.E. at 6 AM pumped ship and then at
it you go down below and stow Cotton the Room
mate and Store done in the Stair the Fireman and
his gang stowing the Stair and Rope the Stair
that the Carpenter has built between the
maste and main mast will hold about 30 bales
of Cotton these will be nearly finished to day

Friday 2nd Fine weather and very hot at 6 AM a droger
came alongside with 154 Bales of cotton for us
- took it in finished at 7 AM
the wind S.W. finished stowing the half deck
by 12 PM. went on board of a droger and took
3 barrels of Beef that the Capt had
sent from Savannah

Journal of Ship. Thos. at S. Georges Sound
Palachicola loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Sat March 3rd 849 Hot Sultry weather and calm to day
we made the ships hold look very small now the
decks are full of cotton and we have no room below
to put it so we shall have to take it on deck and
the 2 will make us very crunk at 10 AM
mixing a bucket at the mizen gaff and
a cressal for water. the water bow.

Sunday 4th Fine weather with a light breeze from
S.E. at 6 AM pumped Ship the making about
one hours till in twelve washed off the poop
after dinner I got the boat and sail so Stafford
Charles and myself went on a hunt exercising
on shore and sailing about the bay till dusk
this afternoon a large St John New Brunswick
Ship arrived here do not know her name

Sunday 5th This morning fine weather the Foreman
Stengdome left and went to town at 11 AM
The Capt came on board but did not stay he went
to town again to settle up his business. He told
the mate to get the Ship all ready for sea
by the time he came down again &c

Tues 6th Fine weather the wind from E. at 6 AM pumped Ship
and then finished stowing the house then up the
hold put two weather castings of water in the main
hatch called tarpalines and battened them down
now after the ships hold and houses are filled up
with cotton there is 65 bales left and must
be carried on deck. The Ship has overboard
of her in the hold and on deck 1333 bales
of cotton I stowed the long boat and filled her
with cotton we are expecting some spars
down to be put on deck and then we shall
have a deck load in good earnest now good
by I am going to bed to sleep
Beyrie I am

Journal of Ship ~~At~~ St. Georges Sound
Apalachicola Loading with Cotton for Liverpool

Tuesday 7th March 1849 Commenced with fine weather at 6 am
turned two all hands get the ship ready for sea at 10 am
filled and lashed the water-casks at 11 am in Spar
over alongside hoisted them in stowed them on
deck and stowed cotton between them and lashed it
down now we have quite a heavy deck load and we
are leaking very bad

Weds 8th First part fine weather wind from S.E. at 2 am
pumped ship finished stowing and lashing spars and
cotton at 8 am sent a boat alongside of a Droger
and got 10 barrels of Provisions a bag of Coffee Sea
oil Spunges, molasses and other small stores

Friday 10th Clear weather - wind from W by N. at 1 am pumped ship
after Breakfast put a new sheet sailing on the fore boom
and got the ship ready for sea at 3 PM went on board
of a droger and got some more provisions at 3 PM
the Capt came on board hoisted a flag for a pilot
but did not get any at 5 PM washed down poop
and top gallant fore castle the rest of the deck
being stowed full of spars and cotton pumped ship
went to sea sold a few spars & stowed our pipes
then went to our bunks to sleep till morning

Childhood happy home Through life after years
wandered through each merry scene
Where human feet may roam
But find no spot in memory green
Like childhood happy home
There fane oft delights to stray
Then twilight shadows rise
And in the deep the sun last ray
Shed from our young eyes
What is grandeur say what is fame
The tear that flash round an aim
Our home's a spot endeared to all
That holds the heart within all

My happy home my happy home
Where ever I may roam
I find no spot in memory dear
Like childhood happy home
Though I have been sad and in quest
Heath's grandeur's gilded dome
The same by memory's sunshine bless'd
Childhood happy home
The humble porch the straw roof cas
The garden's sweetest glances
How dear to memory is the land
Of life's most happy home

Journal of the Ship "The" From Annapolis
Towards Liverpool E. B. 1843. Jan 10

Jan 10th 1843. Cloudy weather wind from N.E. at 6 AM
all hands pump the ship at 8 AM (Pilot) came on board
at hand man the windlass heave up the anchor and make
sail this was done in 25 minutes by the watch every
went with a will and a song for this is the last
passage to complete the voyage of 7 AM the ship
was over the bar and the Pilot left then set
Fore and main Top mast Studd Sails and Top gall
Studd Sails got our anchors on the rail cleared
up the deck set the watch. I have eight hours in
to night and they make eight hours out and a fine
pleasant night

Jan 11th Fine weather nothing to do but steer and clear
our Sails wind W. Course S. by W at 6 AM
Took in Top Gallant Studd Sails latter part very
moderate at 2 PM Took in Top mast Studd Sails
and braced the yards sharp up the ship making
a course of S. by E. very moderate and calm

Mon 12th Fine weather and moderate at 8 AM Hoisted
the Larboard chain a midships to trim her
at 1 PM a light air breeze the party round on
the Larboard tack hands employ in the
rigging and Sunders other jobs

Tues 13th Commenced with a gentle breeze from S.E. the
Ship making a course by the wind of S. by W.
at 10 AM saw two Sails to windward
all hands well and hearty

Wed 14th Fine breeze from S.E. by S. hands employed
Scraping the poop deck and in the afternoon
varnished it hands setting up Fore Top gall
rigging at 4 PM Tacked Ship heading S. by W.

Thurs 15th Fine fresh breeze hands employed setting up
rigging and Sunders other jobs about the ship
the ship heading by the wind S. by W. moderate

Journal of Ship Wreck From Dipaluchicola
Doc and Liverpool & B. Capt. [unclear]

Friday 16th March 1849. Fine weather and gentle breezes
from S. E. & E. the Ship making a course S. W.
at 6th M. wash decks and pump Ship at 10th M.
Saw a raft of Timber Saw two Sails off the
port bow the wind falls more to the Northward
hands employ'd at sundry jobs at 1st this afternoon
The Capt. gave me a job to do for him
graft his Spy Glass at 1st P.M. commenced to make
the nettles for it. It will take 250 nettles
to graft it. This is a long job.

Saturday 17th Fine breezes from E. and fine weather the Ship
but the wind larboard tack on board to day
commenced to graft the Spy Glass hands
employ'd putting on chafin gear at 1st P.M.
Tacked Ship Starboard Tack Headin "S.W."

Sunday 18th Fine weather and moderate breezes the
Ship heading S.E. at 6th M. wash decks and pump
Ship then we had a wash our selves hair
and a clean shirt a fine pleasant morning
as ever was seen in this part of the Ocean
Sea or Gulf what ever it may be called
middle part Calm and very hot all hands
retiring about the deck at 1 P.M. Saw
a Star over head shining very bright latter
part light airs from East.

Monday 19th Fine weather wind from E. S. E. Ship heading N. E. and
employ'd at various jobs As for myself I have got a good job
underway grafting the Capt's Spy Glass which will
last me about a fortnight or three weeks
latter part strong breezes and buffing.

Journal of Ship Alecto from Apalachee
to Liverpool E.C. Capt. R.D. Carr

Kept by R.D. Carr

Tuesday 20th March 1849 Commenced with fine breeze from E. to
at 4 Am Tacked Ship to the N.E. the night fine clear
and pleasant Now take a walk round the decks and you
could see all the crew some sleeping on a bale of cotton
some sitting in the boat spinning yarns about Rattle
Robbers and Girls Sweethearts and Wives and absent
Friends as for my part I had something to say on the
subject of false news. Travelling from Birmingham
in the River and lost of all about 18 miles
at 10 Am saw a Ship off the weather bow standing
the weatherward

Wednesday 21st Fine weather wind from N.E. hands employed Laying
on Solomonian to the rigging myself hard at work
at the Sp. Glass. The Ship makes a great quantity of
water. The has to be pumped out every two hours & the
the water from the cotton at 9 Am passed the
Ship with their lights pointed to the rigging
Reckon the bugs so thick that one will find it
a task

Thursday 22nd Fine weather wind from S.E. by E. hands employed
striking the keels and for end also
a School of porpoises and Dolphin came around the
Ship I took the Capt. Cairns went out to the
martyr and caught five of them and punning
never miss once. Calm the Sun in sight
between Cape Florida and Key West
for the Dolphin for Luffin End very moderate

Journal of Ship & Crew from Espalacio to
Towards Liverpool S.B. Capt. D. Carr.

July 23rd - Monday 1843 Commences with light air from S.E. & E.
the land bearing N. by W. the ship by the wind was
drifted down at 10 P.M. we appeared to be getting in
with the land & began to look near & means we
also could see the bottom called all hands to tack ship
but the wind was so light we could not come about
the wind and current being as before the drift
was the same. We did not strike the land but were
kept drifting further and further in until
at 11 P.M. put in Ridge and the bottom of line
was an iron one ahead up the sails took the line to
the middle and heaved off a plate line to the
middle and a rather length of the line was
taken up and the anchor was in 13 fathoms
of water - it being calm we lay there to wait for a
breeze and daylight - at 5 A.M. two Schooners coming
out from the land & being calm they took to their boats
and crossed us & a few more were seen in company
alongside of us and asked if we wanted any assistance
from them they were ordered from by the
at 9 A.M. a light breeze sprang up we got underway and
died but it being so moderate and the breeze right on shore we
only sailed right along the shore and did not appear to be
in water - weather began to clear the ship was the wind not coming
and we then began to sail on again and gained the after part
of the ship in the wind but the wind was not quite on the
bow but kept coming right in upon the vessel till 4 P.M.
when it was brought in up in 5 fathoms of water - so is again
the land and by then writing for a breeze the land
by the pumps are down the ship increased in length
the weather looks stormy heavy thunder and lightning
the shockers came on board there were some times during
the evening every appearance of a storm but as it came
and a small sea the first mate is to keep the
watch to night so all hands may turn in at last and

Journal of Ship Heest from Apalachicola
towards Liverpool (Ashore on Florida Coast)
Capt E. J. Combs

Sat 24th March 1849 Calm Cloudy with heavy showers
and lightning at 7 AM a light breeze sprang
from S.E. by E. called at hand get the ship underway
at 9.30. She was underway all sail set bound for Key
West the ship making two feet of water per
the Capt was a afraid to proceed on his voyage
such a leaky ship one of the Capt's of the vessel
came aboard our Capt engaged him to go down to
Key West ahead of us and report his commanding
at 3 PM Strong breeze at 3.30 PM the ship struck
three times very heavy upon a shoal but did not stop
tried the pumps found that she did not make any more
water. rather dark heavy squalls thunder and lightning
at 8 PM both in light sails and put the top sail
and ran down under short sail at 12 midnight
backed the main top sail and set her back till daylight

Sunday 25th Calm weather thick and rainy at 5 AM
made sail and stood in for the land at 6 AM
saw a small Schooner standing for us hailed at
it was the Capt of the vessel that was off Key
to go down to Key West he came on board and brought
an Agent and recommended him to our Capt
at 7 AM J. Key West Pilot came on board and
took us into Port at 2 PM came to anchor
in 5 fathoms of water about half cable length
from one of the Wharves fired Sails and cleared
up the decks This town looks like most all
West Indian towns the houses have Cupellows built out
of them these are look out places for ships
There are many fine little Shops kept by Spaniards and
French men and some Yankees also it is a clean look
place and the people appear very Lascible

Journal of Ship Wreck at Key West Florida
Getting repaired

Capt Can
Capt D

Monday 26th March 1849 Fine weather wind from N.W. at 6 AM
pumped Ship ran a hawser to one of the wharves and hauled
the Ship in till she grounded within 40 feet of the
wharf made fast to the wharf and built a Stige
at 9 AM had a Survey on the Ship then recommended
to take out the cargo leave the Ship out and call her
at 10 AM Commenced to discharge the cotton
at Sundown had all of the Cotton and Spars off deck
and the cotton out of the Houses &c

Tuesday 27th Strong breeze from N.W. at 12 Midnight
the tide water high water and we commenced to
leave on the wharves to move the Ship into the
harbor The Capt being about half drunk began to
quarrel with the mate Put him off duty We
think that the Capt is altogether to blame
got the Ship within 20 feet of the dock and built
our Stige again to day got out a large quantity
of our Cotton and put it into a Stige

Wednesday 28th Fine fresh breeze from N.W. commenced work at
6 AM and 30 men employed discharging made a great
hole in our cargo to day two bales of cotton
fell off the Stige overboard one of our men
fell off the Stige overboard and lost his cotton Rock

Thursday 29th Fine weather wind from N.N.E. commenced
taking out the cargo (cotton) at 10 AM the Capt
mate John Stoddard James Boyd Charles Williams and one
self was taken to the Consul's office to swear to a
protest made from the Log Book

To day I went to work in the whole it being necessary
I pulled off my shirt I have a strong breeze on deck and
I having occasion to go up two or three times during the fore-
noon I caught a violent cold and after dinner I was taken
with cold chills and fever faint and head ache the cold made
me some Roppe's Tea and gave me I am very sick to my stomach with
violent vomiting I nobody to lean on me or ask how I feel
or to give me medicine

*Harbour Journal of Ship West - at
New West Florida Sealing no joined - Capt. J. Jones
Regd. de New York*

Friday 30th March 1849. Fine breezes from S.W. hands empty
discharging cargo at 8 AM a gang of 30 men came on
board to call the decks and to stow the cargo of the Ship
Thompson Sick to day at 2 PM the 2^d mate Mr
Field came on to see me he told me that he was going
home to Hon. Clifare N.S. and that he was going to see
the Capt. to take me for 2^d mate & told him that
I wished he would give me some medicine to let me know
I was very sick and no one had been on near me so he
told the Steward to give me a dose of Oil and I drank
it being the first dose that I had taken for some time.

Feb 21st Fine weather hands employed discharging cargo and the Carpenters taking the top Sides & feel a little better to day tho my stomach is broke out full of sores the Capt came into the Forecastle to see me this morning at Sundown all hands worked off work our men washed off the decks and pumped ship got tea and then went on shore for a spree at 9 P.M. some of the men came on board drunk I suppose some who see this may say what a pity the sailors will go on shore and get drunk well it is a great pity But they think that they cannot have a good time without it &c &c

Sunday 24th April 1849 Fine weather wind from N.E. & attended with sounds of distant Thunder is day & feel quite human but very weak and no appetite to eat salt beef and that is all that we have got after Breakfast I went to the market and bought two fish brought them on board Mr. Steward gave me some pork and potatoes and I went to work and made a nice Chouder for my dinner I ate it with a good relish and thought it was the nicest meal that I had eaten for many days this is the first meal that I have eaten for four days to night I feel quite human and strong

Dear born journal of Chris. Rice. Sept. 2nd Can
St. Cr. West Florida getting Calhoun & Higgins

Monday 2nd April 1849 Commences with fine weather and
gentle breezes from N.E. W. I felt quite well this
day and able to go to my duty as at 6 A.M. all
hand at work discharging the cargo at 12 noon
finished the cargo and I dispatched the Ship into
the dock alongside the wharf and commenced to
discharge ballast the male two men and more
at work on the line the boat boys and getting the
on board at 3 P.M. the capt. came down half drunk
and made a row with the labourers that we had
discharging ballast so they all hooked off and went
on shore at 5 P.M. finished moving the Ship
hooked off and cleared up the decks

Tuesday 3rd Hands employed heaving out the ballast
and hand work it is too now this makes
about six times that we have handled over &
over this ballast and I am tired of it I wish the
I was clear of it and soon will clear out and leave
it come what will at noon went to dinner
I cleaned myself and shipped my clothes and went
on shore without asking any ones leave some three
more of the men followed me as ample and came
to see where I was we had a good time played
billiards and rode ten pins till dark then went
to a hotel and got tea at 7 P.M. I went on board
helped to put out some more posts to the wharf
the other three men stayed all night on shore

Wednesday 4th Fine weather hands employed on bending sails more
up and took them on shore and stowed them in a loft
belonging to Mr. Brown bar agent he also is the French and Spanish
consul at 2 P.M. commenced to lash the blocks for heaving
the ship down is only 3 men on board the rest on shore
Tracing hooked off work and got our supper then went to
look for our Ship males soon found them drunk could not
be wale on them to come on board. had a game of ten pins with
a car, on the 4th and 5th but came on board and turned in

Harbour Journal of Ship Alex^r Capt J. D. Can
At New York getting Calked and repaired

Thurs 5 April 1849 Fin weather wind from S.E. at 10 AM
finished Calking the blocks and mended the sails
so one of our men was sent to the Hospital with
a fever and four more men on Shore
French leave as it is called, men go without
asking leave of the Capt or officers, after dinner
got all of the stores and clothes on Shore and put
them into a house that the Capt had hired for
us at the head of the wharf where we lay to ride
in while the ship is hove down and Calking
at 6 got our tea in our new house after tea
took a ramble the carpenter and me had a game
of ^{one} pins and I beat him

Friday 6th Fine weather at 6 AM about thirty men came and
clapped out the caps wane and mended the ship head
out the Calkers commenced to calk her bottom and
our three boys scraping the pitch and painting
her with Marine paint four of us men
went to work at the sails repairing of them

Sat 7 Pleasant weather wind from E by S at 6 AM all hands
pumped ship (this being performed by putting a Spar pump
down the main hatch into the Bilge of the ship with
the water level and the upper end leaning over the
hatch coming) after breakfast Thomas, Bayard, Steg
and myself went at work at the sails in the Capt
repairing them Thomas has been on the Spree for
five days but now is tired of it and has gone to work
half crazy from the effects of the liquor. Thomas and
Dick has not come back yet they have been
Spreeing for 6 days they have got little wages and
clothes their wages being about 29 Sterling that
is dew them. Such is Sailors and such the
effects of ardent spirits

Ends with same weather - Sun to Stand watch on board
the ship to night Benja Doane

Tarabour Journal of Ship Fleet Capt. Con
at Key West getting Calked and Repaired

Sunday 8th April 1849 Clear Cool weather and fresh breeze
from N.W. at 5.30 Am I & Harb took a bath
then washed shaved and shifted our clothes. After
breakfast Mr. Gilbert the mate and myself
rigged the Ship. Boat took some hooks and lines with
us and started off sailing round amongst the reefs and
Islands caught 3 or 4 groupers and got back to
dinner about 2 Pm after dinner took a walk
about the Town After Tea I went to the
Episcopal Church the minister preached a very
good sermon the Text was from
Ephraim is joined to idols let him alone &c
I paid good attention to the minister so that when I got
home I could nearly repeat every word of the sermon off
by heart which I due to the mate

Monday 9th All of this day Fine weather and fresh breeze
at 6 Am I & Harb took pump Ship then got ready
To day the Capt told me that he intended to
to make me second mate in that I could con
sider myself acting as such from this time out
and that he would decide on the wages before we
would sail. After breakfast I took 3 men and
went to work in the loft at the Sails at 10 Am
Eased the Ship up a little. There are eight Calkers
at work and three of our Boys painting and Schooping
the Calkers in this place get \$3 and \$4 per day. There are
seven live wrecks here since we came the chief support
and occupation of this place as from wrecks there are
about forty wreckers belonging to this Island
the most of the wrecks and vessels that get on shore
about the Florida Reefs are brought down here
to be repaired or condemned or their cargoes to be
sold. Wrecking is a good business & I should judge
for as soon as there is one reported to be on shore
near every body leaves his business and goes wrecking

Wm Bour Journal of Ship Fleet Capt. Wm. Bour
At Key West getting Cañoe and Repair

Key West 13. Decem.

Tuesday 10th April 1849 Fine weather wind from S.E. at 6 AM
all hands to work at the sails at 12 noon Righted the
Ship. The Capt. Bought a new Top Sail at Paction to
I feel very anxious to get home I have been thinking
about my home all day to day and feel a little so
Wednesday 11th Wind N.W. weather fine all hands pump Ship this
get breakfast after breakfast I took Thomas Morris
with me into the boat left the mate and the rest
of them scraping the pitch off the Ship Bends and
Painting fresh. worked off work at 6 PM and all hands
went in swimming but they are all frightened of
the Sharks so a Skipped off and leaped into the water
to see them but I was not afraid of a Shark for I
was used to them. Scrubbing alongside my legs when
I was Whaling

Thursday 12th Fine weather, wind E. at 6 AM the same old work
as usual Dick and Harry took their clothes from their
house last night and they have taken themselves a
also a good shape they have slipped on board a whaler
and killed this morning for the reefs I wish them luck

Friday 13th Pleasant weather wind E. hands employed sail making
The Carpenters are cutting away at the Old Ship this day
Scraping and painting, worked off work at the usual time

Saturday 14th Delightful weather Hands employed Scraping off
the pitch at 7 AM on bent the Jib at 10 AM
A Schooner arrived here with part of the cargo of
an American Brig that has run on shore on some of the
reefs she is from Cuba bound for Boston loaded with
molasses they have got her off and are bringing her down the

Sunday 15th Fine weather after breakfast the mate and myself
took the boat and had a sail round amongst the reefs and
caught several fish got back at 3 PM to draw the vessel
Brig came in and halloed into the wharf alongside of us
at 7 PM went to Stags Church was not to make
from the often had to catch

Harbour Journal of Ship Heest Capt. C. D. Conn,
at Key West getting calked and repaired

Monday 16th April 1849 Strong breeze from E. and fine weather
at 6 Am was all ready to heave the Ship down on the
other side but the wind is too strong so we all hands
went at work at the Sails at 3 Pm breeze moderated
closer on and hove the Ship keel out on the other
side. To night all hands stand watch at the first
watch and the mate the last our jabs keel came off
and we hauled it on shore

Tuesday 17th Fine weather wind from S. E. at 6 pump Ship
after breakfast too work at the Sails. The Merchant
brig commenced to discharge the remaining part of her
molasses. And when a cask is landed on the wharf
it is surrounded with boys and girls baling and licking
they are curving it off in Pales Pans Buckets and even in
Bottles there is a part of the town that is intitled by
people from Nassau (it is called Cant. r.

Town and the most of the children are from Cant. r.
Town) As soon as they would get all doped up with
rum they would jump overboard and wash themselves
now there is a Prescription of the Cant. r. for you

Ednes 18th Fine weather hands employ repairing Sails
nothing particular to day only the Capt and
his feller are on the spree kicking up the devil
amongst the wenches In the Evening Mr Silbey
and I went to a Methodist Church to a
meeting the girls kept looking at us all church
time and I do not know but some of them
winked at me but I took no notice of course

Thurs 19th Fine weather at 6 Am the mate took 3 men and
commenced to set up the lower main rigging of being

not very well went to work at the Sails to day got all ready to
ride 20th Fine weather take in the ballast

at 6 Am commenced to take in ballast took one man with me and
lashed the heaving down blocks and move the faller and moved the
Ship Siler C. a Brown got out the fiddle and we had a little amusement
an a dance with the ladies

Harbour Journal of Ship Alect Capt J. D. Co
at Key West Repairing and reloading

Sat 21st April 1849 Hot Sultry weather with a light breeze from E. Hands employed at the ballast. finished at 2 PM at 3 PM sent up mainmast yard and top gallant studding boom Brown and Charley painting masts and rigging

Sunday 22nd Strong breezes from N.E. after breakfast went Boat sailing Some of our men went to Church at 4 PM Brown and the Boy Tom were taken very sick with cramps in the stomach with peevish and vomiting for the doctor he came and gave them medicine and rubbed their feet and legs with mustard had to steam water over them all night

Monday 23rd Fresh breezes and clear weather this morning the Capt told me if I would stow the cotton and do good that he would give me a Dollar per day besides my wages as he could not get a negro done in this place and common labourers wages are two dollars and a half per day I agreeded to do so at 7 AM commenced to stow the cotton in the ground the mate professes to see the Levy shore and the his foreman we are working two gangs with four men in each

Tues 24th Hot Sultry weather and calm Hands employed stowing Cotton nothing more to remark but every day stowing Cotton till the 30th April

Monday 30th April 1849 This morning the Capt shipped four men three of our old hands has run away There has been 4 more ships wrecked here and their sails and rigging and cargoes sold here at Auction

Tuesday 1st May 1849 Fine weather Our new hands commenced this morning bending sails the rest of us stowing Cotton at 10 this week nothing but hard work all hands busy more wrecks on shore The children here are something like they are at the South side of Cape Sable when they go to bed they neat down and say our father which is in Heaven God send a wreck on shore before morning

Harbour Journal of Ship Alcest City D. C.
At New York in loading

sett by 3 o'clock

Sunday 6th May 1849 Fine pleasant weather took a walk this forenoon After dinner the mate and I went to Church In the Evening went to a Regatta meeting lost Friday one of our Boys ran away and got on board of a wrecker the Capt went after him in a pilot-boat and brought him back and put him in Jail

Monday 7th Fine weather hands employed Stowing Cotton at 10. In the Capt sent for me to come into the cabin he told me that he would give me \$5 more per month to my wages as Second Mate and a dollar per day while Stowing Cotton and a present after we got into Liverpool so I agreed and signed articles

Tuesday 8th Fine weather hands employed Stowing Cotton, today took our chests and trappes on board & took mine left into the cabin to night set up till midnight spinning yarn with the mate nothing move till the 10th

Thurs 10th Finished with the cargo today on skates and carried them down At Highwater hauled the ship off into the Anemoe. Here we lay for 5 days getting the ship ready for sea. Took on board same time took viz Ten Corbises two Dog hounds an Eagle an Alligator Pigeons and Doves and a Dog borne with but three legs

Monday 14th At 9 AM went on shore with the boat and loaded 11 Bales of Cotton that was not sold I loaded them down the whole. Once more somewhere bound. on Tuesday I wrote a letter home to my Parents. Mr Brown our boss Parjenter is gained Passenger with his wife to Liverpool with us I think that we have got a good lot of sailors They have all been cast away on Land Key in a ship from New York bound to New C. the Capt says that they are first rate men. one of them I have seen in Tidney New South Wales sailing master of a whale ship but our old hands appear discontented all but three and these are my old chumnies over seen

Journal of Ship Alcest From Key West
towards Liverpool E.R. Capt. J.D. Swan.
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- 1849
Tuesday May 15th Commences with fine weather and moderate breezes at 6 Am All hands get the ship underway mast head Top Sail yards up the first of when the men mustered aft we found that that the men had run away last night and had taken their own clothes and some others also they have stolen a flag and a compass Chronometer and Sextant from a table lying here and have got out to sea and out of sight. The Capt went on shore and shipped one man as Am our passengers Capt and man come on board got the ship underway and proceeded to sea at 4 Pm heavy squalls of wind and rain with Thunder and Lightning Took in light Sails and two reef the Top Sails. Split Flying jib. Ends with light
Wednesday 16th Moderate breezes winds and buffing and rainy weather at 6 Am Set whole Top Sails and Top gallant Sails the wind very much at 10 o'clock the J. jib and repaired it. Latter part still rainy and wind flying all round the compass at 9 Pm the wind more steady Tacked ship head to N. the wind E.N.E. Ends rainy
Thursday 17th Gentle breezes from N.E. at 4 Am Saw the land bearing N.W. 5 miles Dist the wind hauled to S.E. Ship heading by the wind. E. at 2 Pm wind hauled to S.W. hauled in the braces and let the royals at 8 Pm Saw Dog Key light bearing E. Dist 11 Tacked ship &c
Friday 18th Strong gales took in light Sails at 9 Pm wind from N.W. Set Top gallant Sails hands employ Stowing down the Chains in the aftest patch to strain the ship. Pm hands employ setting up Starboard main Top mast rigging at 7 Pm the wind hauled to S.E. Course N.E.W. at 8 Pm Strong breezes Took in royals and may run Top gallant Sail at 11 Pm wind N Ship heading N.W. Ends moderate

Journal of Ship West from Key West Florida
Towards Liverpool. E. B. Capt. J. D. Lane
May 1849

Saturday 19th May 1849. Squally weather at 2 AM the wind
broke to the S.W. in a heavy Squall called all hands
took in Top gallant Sails and two reefs the Top Sails
at 4 AM more finer weather Set all Sail again the
wind at S.W. Starboard took on board at 7 AM the
wind shifted again with a heavy Squall to N.W. 3rd
Ship took in light Sails and one reef the Mizzen
Top Sail at 10 AM Fine weather Set Top gallant
Sails again Middle part fine weather at 3 PM
looks Squally the breeze freshening from N.W.
Ship in the wind Starboard took on board at 4
PM Took in Top gallant Sails and two reefs
the Top Sails at 6 PM took in Crossack course
at 8 PM Took in Jib latter part dark

Sunday 20th Squally weather and fresh breezes
Strong gales from E.N.E. at 7 AM Set
Jib and Crossack at 12 noon Took one reef out
of the Top Sails and Tacked Ship the wind N.W.
11 AM Squally from N.W. Latter part
more finer weather the Stars came out and in
bore out to be a fine night it being my mind
I watch it and nothing to trouble my mind
but to think of my own native land and the
loved one that dwell there in

Monday 21st Fine weather at 7 AM Manned the reef out of
the Top Sails and Set Top gallant Sails and 3rd
Middle part fine breezes N.W. light at 8 PM the
wind changed to E.N.E. light breezes bore the log was
going 5 miles per hour

Tuesday 22nd Gentle breeze from E.N.E. wind unpleasant
Laying up fore top mast rigging at 6 PM the
wind from E.N.E. Set Studding Sails the weather
fine weather and gentle breezes from E.N.E.
Sailing N by E. Oh how I wish that I could
hear from home and my dear parents

Journal of Ship Dickson From Key West. Fla.
Towards Liverpool E. R. Capt. J. D. Carr

Monday 23rd May 1849 Fine breeze from S.W. by S. in the morning watch braced the yards to Starboard and shifted the Studding Sail over on the port side washed down the decks then fitted some Pair water casks for Covert's pens filled them and put the iron in them Pumped Ship hove the log struck eight and then went to breakfast at 12 noon bent anew Lower Studding Sail and set it this afternoon, and employ making anew Topmast Stand Sail at 5 PM finished it and set it at 7 PM halled in mainmast Stand Sail and set it forward on the Lee Side at 8 PM changed the course to S. E. by N. the wind S.W. by E. going 6 knots per hour

Tuesday 24th In the breeze from S.W. dark cloudy weather at 5 AM heavy squalls carried away fore topmast Stand Sail boom halled in Star Sails and clewed up topmast Sails at 7 AM set topmast Sails at 10 AM set all the Star Sails again The Carpenter employed making a new Star Sail boom this afternoon, and employed setting up port fore rigging at 10 PM the wind halled to E. by N. took in Star Sails and braced the yards sharp up to Starboard squally variable winds

Wednesday 25th Strong breeze squally and variable from S.W. took in the royals halled up main Sail and Crossjack at 8 AM the wind from E. by E. and more steady set main Sail and crossjack at 12 noon set Star Sails at 4 PM the wind from S.W. by S. squared the yards this afternoon the mate procured the boy William for filling Tea on the deck at 11 PM wind from S.W. took in Star Sails and braced the yards sharp up cool

Thursday 26th Fresh breeze from S.W. the Carpenter employed, rousing over the long boat at 4 PM Trucked Ship and wind N.E. reading N. N.W. Steam employed overhauling the black's black leading the juncane Pieces Ends with fine weather and fine breeze

Journal of Ship. Hessel - Green Bay West. Florida
New York - Liverpool E. E. Ship. Hessel - Green Bay West. Florida

Monday 27th June 1849. Five breezes from E. S. at 6 AM wind rather
at E. S. Sailed the yards the course being E. S. Strong
sailed all Sail Set at 8 AM moved away from the
the ship in royal at 10 AM the wind shifted to S. E.
the yards at 4 PM the wind shifted back to S. E.
attended with heavy rain. The last twelve hours
the ship has run 10 miles per hour better port
more moderate and variable at 5 PM Took in
Top gallant Sails hauled up main Sail and crosscock
at 8 PM the wind changed the weather cleared
off a little. Ends moderate with a rough sea

Tuesday 28th June Moderate variable winds at 3 AM
the wind freshened from N. N. W. and began to blow
more to the Southward at 11 AM Set Top gallant
Sail and main royal. Stands employed at jibs Carpenter
working over the fore hatch at 6 PM Took in
Ship the wind E. S. E. rainy weather

Wednesday 29th June Fresh breezes and rainy weather at 4 AM breeze
freshens Took in light sails and reefed Top Sails
Left the ship took it in middle part more
fine weather with a heavy sea from North
Stands employed repairing jib Carpenter repairing pump
at 2 PM the wind W. S. W. Set Topmast and Top gallant
the Sails Course E. S. E. middle part moderate and variable
Ends with dark cloudy squally looking weather

Thursday 30th June Breeze from weather at 10 AM Set a 1st Sail
wind shifted Course E. S. E. one man laid up with sore hand
Friday 31st June Fresh breezes and squally looking weather at
10 AM had a very heavy squall from E. S. E. Took in
standing Sails and reefed sharp up by the wind
The boat Sails on board at 11 AM Took in light Sails

Saturday 1st July the wind from South blowing E. by N. at 3 PM
sailed the yards the top Sails and reefed the Courses
at 4 PM Sailed the ship to heavy cross sea running heavy rain
at 8 PM Part of Top Sail brace and main brace were
new ones

Journal from Key West Towards
Liverpool in Ship Accessory

Friday 1st June 1849 First part moderate at 2 AM the wind
changed in a heavy squall to W. and lasted about ten
minutes then died away. Calm with snow and then a light breeze from
S.W. at 4 PM the breeze freshened from W. N. W. and
weather cleared off at 5 AM commenced to make sail at
noon had all sail set that we could muster. Saw a
low and aloft. On deck the men employed repairing
it latter part strong breeze from W. and thick fog and
cold weather. Steering East a good lookout kept forward.

Sat 2nd Strong breeze from W. by W. Course East. Thick fog
with rain. Men employed repairing jib in the half
fore. Latter part baffling wind the company with
American ship bound East.

Sund 3rd Cool fine weather with gentle breezes from N.W.
Saw three ships today bound Eastward we expect
this breeze holds by tomorrow to be on the Banks
Newfound and Middle part moderate breeze
and gradually falling more Northward at 4 PM the wind
from S.W. took in the sails and hoisted up the yards
End with baffling wind and thick fog hearing S. by E.

Monday 4th Continues moderate at the wind N.W. Course East
Men employed making a cover for the life boat etc.
Thick fog at 9 AM the wind W. N. W. Squared up the yards
and let the sails at 4 PM wind N.W. Men employed
rotting down the foremast rigging at 8 PM took in the
sails and hoisted up the yards. Saw a ship at 9 PM. Sailed
Ship the wind from East latter part the wind falls South

Tuesday 5th Fresh breezes from E. S. E. and foggy weather. Men
employed rotting down the wind more Southward
in the sails occurs and on shore the gier
By the looks of the water we are getting onto the
Banks of New Found Land and a good look out
is kept while it is foggy for fisher men
and ships bound West. One man to ring the
Bell every 3 minutes and two on the look out.

Journal from Key West towards
Liverpool B. B. in Ship. West end of B. B.

June 6th 1845 The boat boys from W.S.W. a day sea
heaving from East at 6 Am French frigates top gall
Sails set at 7 Am Parked the foretop of main topmast
Sail and split it from foot to head on head it and
bent a new one at 8 Am Set Chin Sails low and
clew Saw three ships and a brig a head of us being
East at 1 Pm passed a French Brig at anchor fishing
Also saw several other vessels at anchor fishing
Stands employed repairing Top gallant sail at 4 Pm
lower the sea and sent her on board of one of the boats
men and bought some fish At 5 Pm spoke the Brig
Charger of your mouth Red Capt Gillen from St Andrews
bound to Liverpool the Mercury off Newport two days
after we arrived there She sailed for Bermuda 9 Am two
letters by her we fell in with her again in Bermuda
and have since caught her on her passage to Liverpool
June 7th A black rain fine weather at 10 Am the wind
from W. Whipped over the Sails Stands employed
repairing Top gallant Sails Saw a great number being
Barrels Brigs and Schooners fishing at 3 Pm had
a black rain start and towe for a fish the first
found caught a big cod fish at 9 Pm a heavy land
from W.W. Took in Chin Sails and bent up the jibs
thick and rainy Saw a great quantity of islands lights
midnight more clearer weather wind W.S.W. quite
calm weather Saw a quantity of Sulphur. At 10 Am
a fire ship with a fresh breeze from W.S.W. Set
the Sails on the port side at 1 Pm took in the Sails
the wind from S.E. at 4 Pm the wind had the boat
a W. Wind Set the Sails again Stands employed repairing
Top gallant Sails at 4 Pm bent another main
Top gallant Sails at 6 Pm Set Cap gallant Sails
Sails Come with moderate breeze and fine weather
at 10 Am some were to the Eastward of the Banks of New Found Land
and well to the Northward it is not known any latitude

Journal from Key West Towards
Liverpool in Ship Accest Capt. J. L. Can

Saturday 9th June 1849 Wind moderate and variable. Fine
employment setting up Starboard Fore and main Topmast
and Top Gallant. Bells rung about 10 Am I fell off
of the Top Gallant Bole back wards on deck and hurt my
self very much. I struck on my right hip. It gave
me to walk or lay down. Ends with moderate breeze
Saw a great number of vessels bound to the East & West

Sunday 10th Moderate breezes from E. S. E. and backing the
Port tack on board in company with a Brig Saw 4
Sails all bound to the Westward Ends with a fine
breeze from E. S. E. and fine weather

Monday 11th Fine breezes and clear weather wind from E. S. E.
Midnight Tacked Ship at 4 Am commenced to
paint the Bulwarks inside middle and little
part Fresh breezes at 10 Pm took in main
royal Fore and Mizzen Top Gallant Sail Ends
with strong breezes the moon rose at 12 midn

Tuesday 12th More moderate breezes at 4 Am Set Fore
and main Top Gallant Sail at 6 Am breeze fresh
ens Took in Fore main and Mizzen Top Gallant
Sails the breeze still freshening at 11 Am Single
reft the Top Sails and Tacked Ship the wind from
S. S. W. took in Flying jib and Square in the
yards course East hand employ cleaning the
boats and Scraping oars at 6 Pm reft main
Sail at 8 Pm heavy Squalls parted Fore Brace

Wednesday 13th Fresh gales at 2 Am two reft the Top
and took in the jib. The Sailors now to give the Ship relief

Reduce the Top Sails by a double reef
Even lofty yard with slackened cordage reels
hearing the cracking Blocks and ringing when
Down The tall masts the Top Sails still remain
Are soon reduced and hoisted up a rain
continues with strong gales attended with rain
Saw a Bark Steering N by E

Journal From Key West Towards
Liverpool in Ship Alceste capt. J. C. Green

- Thursday 14th June 1849. Strong gales and rain with a wind from
S.E. Standemphie making Lines middle part. So
wetter. Latter part Daze thick and rainy. And
it is now eight hours out to night. and four below
Now some the watch of night attentive. And
The rest profoundly in their hammocks. Sleep
Ends with heavy gales and rough Sea
- Friday 15th Strong gales at midnight called all
hands to reef the courses
The Ship no longer can whole courses bear.
To reef them now becomes the masters care.
Shut up the courses reef them and let them
again at 2 AM close reef mizzen Top Sail
Ends with heavy gales thick fog and rain a heavy
Sea running. Wind from E.S.E. Ship heading N.E.
- Saturday 16th More moderate breezes and finer weather at 8
AM took the reefs out of the Sails and let Top gale
Sails the wind S.W. at 10 thick fog but Sun shone
The Storm is past with joy the Sails make the Sail
And spruce the bellying Canvas to the gale.
While one the deck the yellowed battens creak
And ever and anon the damns his eyes
Suffer pants wind from W. at 8 PM let Star Sails
Ends with foggy weather and moderate
- Sunday 17th Moderate breezes from W. and thick fog
At half 12 and nearly 12 PM the engine
going & knots per hour it being Sunday we had nothing
to do but wash our Salves and ship our clothes
which some did and some did not at 11 PM
Saw a Ship sight off the Star board beam Ends with
a thick breeze and fine weather
- Monday 18th Gentle breezes from W. My morning watch on
deck at 8 some the Star Board Eight PM called the watch and then
went to breakfast. Hand employed with rigging at 4 PM
the wind S.E. took in the Sails and brace sharp up. Ends with
thick fog and moderate

Journal from Key West towards Liverpool in Ship *Alceste* Capt. J. D. Canby

Off the ship has gone 10 1/2 to per hour
Throughout the 24 hours
Tuesday 19th June 1849 Moderate breezes and fine weather
wind S by E and thick fog at 8 Am the wind
Set the sails at 12 noon Fresh breezes from S W
Hands employ pulling down muzzing rigging at 6
wind from W. Course E. S. E. it being the first week
deck to night I hove the log and found that we
were going 10 & 12 Per hour At 10 the old ship dis-
travelling along parting the sea with her dividing
prow and bends it foaming and curling along her
wall Sides Heavily slow before the breeze
The tall ship marches on the open sea
I'm silent pomp she cleaves the watery plain
The Bride and wonder of the billowy main
End a little more moderate but fine weather

Wednesday 20th More moderate breezes from W. N. W. Ship
over the Studding Sails Hands employ pulling down
main top mast rigging at 4 Pm moderate breezes and
biffling from S. S. W. The Steward killed a pig to day
we have painted enough to day to have a gale of wind
and 24 hours rain. End with a thick fog

Thursday 21st Gentle breezes from S. S. E. Ship
and thick fog at 10 Am Fresh breezes took in top gallant
Sails at 7 Am wind S. S. W. Set the sails again at
12 noon wind from W. S. W. Course E. S. E. at 2 Pm Strong
gales took in the sails Hands employ painting inside
of main hatch coverings took the Heaves out of the
main hatch and coiled it on the house latter part foggy
with rain and a strong breeze at 8 Pm took in top
gallant sails dark thick and rainy

Friday 22nd Fine weather and fine breezes from S. W. and S. by E
Top gallant Sails Hands employ Seaming while chine
at 4 Pm the wind N. W. and more moderate Ship
over the Studding Sails rain Throughout the day The ship has
made since 24 hours difference of longitude in 24 hours
End with moderate breezes and foggy weather

Journal From Key West Towards
Liverpool in Ship The West Cape Clear

- Saturday 23rd June 1849 Moderate breeze in foggy weather at 4 PM
Calm at 8 AM a light breeze from S.W. Set the Main
Sails at 4 PM the wind at S.W. To no employ Scraping
and painting the Ships beam at 8 PM the wind South look
in Top gallant Main Sails Ends with two fog and rain
- Sunday 24th Fresh breezes from S.W. Course S.E. at 11 AM
saw a Black Steering East at 1 PM it is the ship
and broad Starch up by the wind here is S.E. wind S.W.
at 4 PM got an Observation and found that the ship
was 20 miles to the South of Cape Clear and 50 to the
Westward Ends with fresh breezes and clearing
- Monday 25th Fine breezes from S.W. and clouds weather at 4 PM
Set Top gallant Sails at 6 AM Set Main Sails
at 7 PM Cape Clear bearing E by S. Dist 15 miles
at 8 PM the wind from W with a fine breeze
Steering E by S. at 12 noon were abreast the
Old head of King Sails at 6 PM Cork significant
bore N.N.W. Dist 10 miles at 8 PM the Island of Balla
Cotton bore N. Saw the Highlands of Duncarver
raising their blue heads above the clouds moderate
breezes and fine weather the clouds hang low over the land
- Tuesday 26th Fine breezes from W. at 5 PM we close in
with the Land Waterford Hook Light-house bore
N Dist 10 miles Lands came in painting ship
at 12 noon passed the Tincer and then Steered away for
for Holy Head with a strong breeze from W by S.
For England when with favouring gales
Our gallant Signal Channel Bearer
While Sailing under easy Sail
The Shields of Holy Head appears
Then no more at the Lancers Spouting
and to the Pilot cheerer Lane. By the deep nine
at 8 PM to it in the light Sails
a fine fresh breeze and clear don't night Sept
a good look out for Holy Head light -

Journae From Key West Towards Liverpool
In Ship Office Capt. E. C. C.

Key West to Liverpool

Tuesday 27th June 1849 Fine fresh breezes from N.W. at half past 12 midnight saw Holy Head Light bearing E by S dist 15 miles at 3 AM saw the Cherry at E. 1/2 S. a Liverpool Pilot boarded us and we proceeded up Channel Hands employed getting the anchors up the rail and rigging in fore boom at 12 noon came to anchor off Brunswick Dock and the capt went on shore hands employed getting up fenders

Thurs 28 Commenced with fine weather at 8 AM a Steamer a Bug Boat came alongside hove up our anchor and halled into Brunswick dock and moved ship clear and cleared up the docks and then went on shore for our dinner at 4 PM got orders to hall out of Brunswick Dock and hall into Albert Dock at 5 PM took Steamer and towed down and got her Docked to by 7 then went on shore to our boarding house got tea and then took a walk to went up to the house where a woman was killed a few days before by a man in the name of J. G. Wilson he killed her wife and two children

Friday 29th Fine clear weather to day commenced to discharge our cargo The Dock Company find everything to discharge with blocks poles and men so we had nothing to do but look on and see them work all hands was discharged except Mate Cook Steward three boys and my self and Mr. Brown going to do out keep the ship clean All hands must be out of the dock gates by 5 PM and cannot get in again till 6 AM This Dock is An Import Dock only and is one of the largest in Liverpool it is named after Prince Albert who laid the first stone of the Dock and that happened the first time that I was in Liverpool in the ship Thomas Edwards the mate and me had very nice times the Capt has not been here for a whole day

Journal From Key West Towards Liverpool
On Ship *Wicest* Capt. D. Can

Saturday 30th June 1849 Fine weather and fresh breezes went on board
at 8 o'clock and shipped up the rigging and cleaned out the cabin
and Fore Room the cargo is going out like jam the mate
and an officer went to take an account of the cargo of cotton
and found a gun shown away under the beams amongst the
cotton all packed out of the Dock by 5 P.M. none more seen
the Capt for two days

Sunday 1st July 1849 A very pleasant day turned out at 5 o'clock
washed and dressed got Breakfast then the mate and
me took a walk went to see a Capt. Siller. The
mate was acquainted with the invited us to go to church
with him and we excepted the invitation and went it
was to a Presbyterian Church. I have forgotten the text
of the minister however we returned home and got dinner
and then took another walk till evening 4 o'clock

Monday 2nd Fine weather I was went on board washed decks and
on bent sails and made them up put them in the
Forecastle Still discharging cargo but some stress is
laid on it and this is very difficult to do as the cargo goes
as you pass through the masts or feet of the masts

Tuesday 3rd Still fine weather is why sent down fore and main
mast sails and overhauled tops and foot ropes and
bores. The boys scrubbing and scraping the sides of the vessel
ready to paint them when the cargo is out. I was called
to see the cargo to see he has not been here by any one but
we were for fine day and we are getting uneasy about
time took out of the dock to say two thousand five

Wednesday 4th Fine day and a great deal to do about fore and main
masts. The American Ship *Wicest* lying in all directions
sent up Top Sails and supplied them the Top Sails
and sent it up for the main and the M. Top is gone sent the
top for the fore one and pointed them at 4 P.M. went off
work got supper and then went to see the fashions and fire
works spent a fine evening and went home and went to
bed. I have not been here since so much time is no place to

Journal of Ship Wreck in Liverpool B. B.

Capt. J. D. Ellis

Supp. by Capt. J. D. Ellis

Tuesday 11th August 1849 Fine weather washed the ship off
clean fore and aft. Hatter all of the paper taught
ed scraping whole houses and was rich in them after dinner
went on shore for the afternoon with a friend and
went to the theatre to stay of meet with Benjamin
Banks he was about going to the office, evening in a
box. I would like to accompany him but cannot do so.

Wednesday 12th Commences with rainy weather - employed in
paint work. After dinner the male lay down and
to sleep. The boys asked me if they might go on shore for
the afternoon and I let them go after the male was
up. he enquired for the boys and told him that I
let them go on shore. he got mad and swore that he
would lick them when they came back.

Thursday 14th Fine weather commences to ship the sails
to air them and to keep the rats out of them when
the male came he commenced to lick the boys and
I told him not to lick them for they were not to
blame if he wanted to lick any body to lick me and
he said that he had a great mind to do so too I
thought that he had many more men to do so
and that I would take off my jacket and let
him lick me for the boys as I was the one that
let them go on shore and you must stop striking
them or I shall stop you so he went in. he came
dressed himself and went on shore and stayed all day.

Friday 15th Fine weather This morning the Capt. and mate
came on board together. They called the boys into the
cabin and they told the Capt. how they were wanted
to lick them and they said not go on shore without
leave. but they said to me and to the mate they
might go the Capt. said for me and as the mate if I gave
the boys leave to go on shore I told him yes and then
that I would not let the male lick them and if he or
the mate did not like it they could discharge me and
the ship.

Journal of Dr. J. H. B. in River and Sea.

Capt. J. H. B.

Tuesday, 21st Aug. 1842. Fine weather and we were
sailing, moving, this and the morning we were in road &
got a word from the Capt. to come up to his State.
To see him I went and he asked me various questions
he told me that he had given me a good deal of money
Calcutta and if he took it that he would give me
more wages than I had last voyage. I told him if
he went to Calcutta that I should not go with
him but if he went to any of the British Posses-
sions of North America or the United States that
I would go or he could discharge me now if he liked
but he said no he would wait and see first.

23rd This morning I went on board and when
the mate came he looked very sorry but when
he gave me some orders and I told him that
I should not obey him that I was not going in the
Ship and that he could consider me as not being
to duty only waiting to see the Capt. to get my discharge
he asked me why I was going to leave I told him one thing
I want to get home and another thing is that you are
with me again another voyage so I think that he should
have me to come that he wished me to go and not
think anything of the few weeks that we are at
sea. Then the Capt. came and said that he had
chartered the Ship for Calcutta and offered me six
pence a month to go in the Ship another voyage but I
refused and asked him for my Discharge and he
gave it to me in the afternoon so I was free on
Monday. To day I took my clothes out of my trunk
of the Cases and took them to my Boarding house.
This evening I was introduced to the mate of a Ship that
was the whole lot. Mr. MacKenzie told me that
they were leaving for Halifax and would sail in a few days
the mate of this officers was wanted a crew and would like
for me to go and would speak to the Capt. about it.

Journal of Bark Adelaide From Liverpool to
Halifax. Nova Scotia. Capt. Samuel. Davies. D.
Capt. J. R. R. R. R.

Tuesday 28th August 1849 Commences with fine weather wind from W
to day I went on board of the Bark Adelaide and Ship
(before they mast) For Halifax N.S. got a half month's leave
Note went home and got the Note cashed and then went
off on a bit of a Bender with some of my ship mates
A Halifax man that had come out mate of a bark and
here shiped with us in the Adelaide and I thought it was
my duty to see my Countryman around to see some of the
fashions and let him know that he was alive and in the
world So I had to walk him up out of his Nova Scotia Ship

Wednesday 29th Fine pleasant weather: took a walk on board of the
Adelaide and a Brawl through the City Engaged our selves
as for my self I longed to get to sea on our homeward
bound passage for this will be homeward bound for true
I went on board of the Adelaide and asked the mate what
time the ship would sail he told me that she would
halt out in the morning 10 A.M. and to be on board early

Thursday 30th Thick heavy weather and fresh breezes from E.S.W.
went on board at 8 A.M. and got the ship all ready for sea
halted her to the Westward at 10 A.M. took steam and
towed out Side of the Rock All hands employed getting
our jibboom. It rained hard all day at 5 P.M. got every
thing to rights Set the Watch and Sifted our wet clothes
we have had the hardest drilling to day that I ever got
in my life. and this is the way that poor Sailors
have to get their living while some of your Landlubbers
are sulking in the chimney corner toasting
their Shins by the fire. And when we poor devils
comes on Shore we are looked on as the Scum of the earth
and hardly a shilling to our own hard earnings or
Spend it with them and then go to Sea for more

Friday 31st Fine weather and fresh breezes from E.S.W. at 3 A.M.
day light washed the Ship off Hands employed Tearing on chafing gear at
9 P.M. saw a light he proved to be one of the Halifax mail boats for Liverpool
had the Sail Set low and a light Ende with light breezes and moderate

Journal of Bark Odessa from Liverpool
Towards Halifax N.S. Capt. J. A. M. D. Rep. by J. A. M. D.

Saturday 1st September 1849 Fine breezes and clear weather - wind and
loud putting on chafing gear with from 5.30.30 am Saffl
ing at 10 Pm. Took in royals - End with fresh breezes and

ing at 10 - P.m. Took in royals - End with fresh breeze and
cloudy with rain and fresh breeze at 10 Cloudy
P.m. more clearer weather. Thifted our clothes and about
our wet ones. Latter part cloudy with rain

at 5th - Gentle breeze from N E and clear weather - at 2
at 4th - Strong breeze from S E and some weather - at 10

8th Strong breeze from S E and some rain - at 10
Am more fine weather Hand employed putting new
brace pennant to the yard and painting the Bulwark

June 12th Commenced with moderate breeze from E. S. E. at 4 A.M. wind freshened in to S. E. W. and freshened. Took in Studd Sails and royals brace the yards. Put up on the Starboard Crotch a 8an Book in Topgallant Sails and reefed the Top Sails at 11 P.M. Still freshened at 8 two reefs the Top Sails and took in jib and Spanker. Ended with strong gales and rough sea.

17th Fresh gales from N.E. carrying all sail but royal
 some employ'd fitting new main brace pennants and
 sundry other jobs. Ends with strong breeze and rainy
 weather. The ship unwell.

Friday 20th Moderate breezes and clear weather. Hands employed
repairing Sails and painting Ship with red lead from C.R.E.
all Sail Set Studding Sails Set low and aloft
Ends with fine weather and gentle breezes

Monday 23rd Moderate breeze and foggy weather Hands employ
boarding Chains and getting the anchors on the cable
Tuesday 24th Gentle breeze and thick fog Ewin from N.E.
Hands employ hauling the chains up out of the chain
locker and stowing them forward cleaning Ship &c

23rd Feb^r Fine breeze and clear weather at 3 AM. Wine East
 Saw Barn Swallow Light bearing N.W. by W. Dist 14 miles took
 a main sail and backed the yards and got a down. at 4 AM took
 aboard a Halifax Pilot. and at 10 AM anchored off Halifax
 Town in 8 fathom water North from George Blm

Journal at Halifax Nova Scotia
Kept by Benjamin Doane.

Thursday 26th Sep 1849 Fine weather at 2 Pm Mallico's Ship into
the wharf and made her fast at 4 Pm cleared up the
decks and then went on shore to look for some of my
acquaintance I found several of them at a boarding house
Kept by Mr Sanders I found Henry Doane my nephew
there and also Capt Bel he wanted me to go his
mate out to the West Indies but I wanted to get home

Friday 27th Fine weather in the morning I went down on board
and saw the Capt and asked for my discharge without
wages but he told me that he would not give it to me
so I was determined to leave the ship and that night to
take my clothes out of her so I went up to Mr Sand
and Mr Riches and stopped till dark Henry got a boat
and we went on board of the Edeline the second
mate was watching her but I got my clothes out
of her and did not go on board of her again took
them up to the house and then took a walk

Sat 28th Fine pleasant weather and nothing to do took
a walk about the town to see the old places that I
used to see in my walk and I spent the time very agreeably
Capt Henry Doane sent for me to come and pay him a call
at the Sailors Home which he kept at that time
I went in the evening meeting at the door and was let
in by his daughter Cordellia She took me to the
Kitchen where there was a number of young people
and called one of them to show me upstairs it was a young
lady from Herrington an acquaintance of mine Miss
Maria R Knowles She blushed as she took me to follow
her and I thought to my self you will do so I spent
the evening with Capt H Doane and family and returned to

Sunday 29th Fine weather my nephew H. } my cousins G. & M.
Doane and I took a walk in the evening I went to Church and
then to the Seaside I took a ramble and saw Miss Cordellia D and Miss
Maria R. K. sitting close by me at that very night I made my mind
up that Mrs. H. R. K. was not engaged to propose myself to her

Journal of Halifax Nova Scotia
Kept by Benja Deane

Tuesday 1st October 1849 Fine pleasant weather to day I engaged my passage in a Schooner Capt. J. Smith for Pownington took a walk in the evening down to Freshwater or Missing bridge returned home by 10 Pm and went to bed

Wednesday 3rd Buggy weather and fresh breezes from South East went on board of Capt. Smith and set for an hour or two and saluted of home. I am getting very anxious to see my dear parents it has now been nearly five years since I left home and I have not had a letter from any one since I sailed from St. John on my whaling voyage

Thursday 4th Fine weather and fine breezes from N. W. took a walk around pleasant point fort and up the N. W. Arm in the evening took a walk up town came home and went to bed

Friday 5th Took my chest and clothes on board of the Schooner. to day the Schooner finished loading and intends to sail in the morning

Saturday 6th Fine breezes from N. E. and clear weather at 7 AM made sail from Mr. Tobens wharf and proceeded on our voyage at 10 AM passed Sambro Island and by 12 noon was fairly into Margarets Bay at 2 Pm the wind commenced to fall to the N. W. and freshen at 2.30 tore our main sail put 2 reefs into it and single reef fore sail at 3 the fore sail split took it in at 3.20 Pm tore the jib halld it down and wore ship and put back for the Chimney corner or Sambro Point and came to anchor on bent our sails it being dark and cold we did not make them

Sunday 7th Strong breezes from North and cold at day light I turned out and got my sail making tools and the Capt and me went to work repairing the sails and at 10 AM finished them. Cut them and at 12 noon hove up anchor made sail and started at 4.30 anchored in Solovay

Monday 10th Fine weather and moderate at 4 AM got under way and proceeded slowly up the shore at 12 noon was off Port Maitland moderate breeze from N. E. at 6 Pm was abreast Pelham Light the weather fine the Capt concluded to keep her going all night and I told him I would stand watch with the mate at 12 midnight was off Port La Bower. Ends fine and clear

Journal From Halifax Towards Barrington
In Schooner

Capt Jesse Smith
Capt by Bingley

Friday 11th October 1849 Commences with moderate breezes from N.E. and clear weather at 4 AM rounded Bokerrow point and now we are fairly in Barrington Bay breeze fresh at 5.20 AM ran aground about 40 feet from Mrs Robertsons

Wharf and I went up on deck (I had been dressing self) and saw the many places that I had been familiar with all my boyish days. tho I seemed in a hurry to get to all the voyage now I felt as I cannot describe if there had been a vessel bound away on a long voyage and I could have got on board of her I would gladly avail myself of the opportunity. However I got into the boat and went on shore I met Gabriel Robertson first then Robert then William and Thomas Robertson but they said they would not stop me to talk only welcome me home so I started off towards the Old House and passing up the path I saw the fountains of the little brooks and birds that I so often had heard of when we were in the my heart with joy at last I came in sight of the Old House at home and as I passed along I saw an Old Lady come out of the front door with her cap on she looked at me and reached me till I passed the gate and then she turned and went into the House. Oh it was my Mother but she did not know that it was me. I passed along and went into Martins gate and went up to the front door and knocked and my Sister Jane Martins wife came to the door she did not know me she asked me if I was her brother Israel and several others of her relations asked her if she did not know me then she said it is Benjamin I went into the house and Jane called Mother to come down to see some one that was there and as I let in the room my dear Old Mother came in and sat down but did not see me I got up and reached out my hand and said how do you do Mother and she looked at me and said who is it is it possible is it possible it is Benjamin and she hugged me and kissed me. and in come my youngest Sister whom she knew me. We all went up to the Old House and in a few minutes my dear Old Father came in he took my hand and welcomed me home and thanked God that we had met once more

Journal At Barrington Kept by Benja. Doane. Home, Again

Our breakfast was ready and before we set down my Oldest Brother
every one in the had anchored his vessel in the back of the L. Land
we come on shore so we set down to breakfast Father mother
three and youngest son and one daughter and 3 grand children
Martin my Brother had that morning gone into the woods
to hunt and had not got out yet after breakfast
my Sister Jane came in with her little daughter Caroline
and we had quite a large family. My Sister Irene and her 3
children their names Maria Lettishia Anna and Amelia
At 4 P.m. Martin came home and we set down and had a good
chat it commenced to rain but we spent a delightful evening.

Thursday 12th Fine weather at 9 A.M. got a boat and went after
my clothes met several of my Old Friends and acquaintances
Some of them told me that they would not
have known me if they had not been told and one
said they would have known me anywhere. I had not
altered a mile they should have known my very Ashes
if I had been burnt. so now see how different people see
ones likeness Took my clothes home and got everything
regulated in the Evening I had a call from all my old
chums pals and Friends Thomas Robertson was the
first and I do not remember who came in next but we
had a pleasant Evening and a social time

Friday 13th Fine weather at 9 A.M. went to Church and there
again I saw many of my Old School fellows and
play mates and many new faces also for I had
been away from home now four years and a half
and many had grown out of my knowledge
I sat in a pew next to the Sister of Capt Coffin my
old schoolmate Capt. He came to me after Church was over
and shook hands with me One may imagine
but I cannot describe my feelings how strange
it seemed to me after 4 years from my friends to get home and
meet them in such a place as a Country Church The party numbered
a. Doane

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At Barrington Nova Scotia
Home again From a Foreign Shore

Monday 14th October 1849 Fine pleasant weather Spent my time at home with my Dear mother & Father Had several friends to call on me to day and in the Evening several more did not go out at all to day

Tuesday 15th Pleasant weather to day I went out to Cape Sable. Plan to see my Sister Eliza. Ann. &c. and my brother Sherwood and Family. I arrived at Sherwoods at 7 Pm and kissed and was kissed by all hands they were very glad to see me. Spent a pleasant visit and returned home on Friday

Saturday 19th A fine day visited several of my old acquaintances and the Shops such as William Powell Shoemaker. Pop Mr. Haddens Tailor Shop & W. & S. Robertson's Black Smith Shop and began to get acquainted with the girls and that is not a bad nor hard thing to do in Barrington.

Sunday 20th A fine day went to church after church called on Thomas Robertson and his sister Maria took tea with the family and spent an agreeable evening &c.

Monday 21st Strong gales to day took my gun and went into the woods not only to hunt but to look at the old forest the palter rocks and even trees that I often had thought about and seen in my dreams and almost smile say that I had heard the Sound of some of the little streams and rivulets and as I came up with them I stood and feasted my eyes on them but some of them were sadly changed by fires which had run through the country the year before I had a good ramble and great Satisfaction in it but did not shoot any thing

Tuesday 22nd Fine weather and gentle breezes to day at 9 Am went down to the old wharf and shore and took a stroll round the shore had my gun with me went through Charley point and round the shore to Mr. Robertson's store and wharf every place seemed as natural as when I last passed through them 5 years ago the rocks that we used to catch Lobsters under and all were there as natural as ever I got my gun fixed at the Blacksmith Shop and coming home through Charley point shot three Partridges

At Barrington Nova Scotia

Home again from a Errand there

Wednesday 23rd Oct 1849 This morning my mother told me that I had
a duty to perform to my Brothers, Sisters and Friends and the
Friends of Capt Coppin &c. I thought I would start this after-
noon and visit them so at 1 P.M. I started to see my Sister
Maria at Woods Harbour and her family acrossed on the other
Side of the Harbour Maria told me I was to be gone for three or four days while on my visits

Sunday 27th Fine pleasant weather yesterday Evening I got back from
my lower or visits. To day I went to church and after church
I learned that the vessel would sail tomorrow for St John
N.B. where I wished to go and settle my whaling voyage
as I hold an Order from the Capt to the Owners to
settle with me and I engaged my passage in the Schooner

Monday 28th A fine westerly breeze and clear weather at 8 AM
I went on board of the Capt John's Schooner
bound for St John N.B. this Capt is the brother to the one
that I went to St John with five years ago to join the
Whale Ship. at 8.30 AM weighed anchor and made sail
from Back of the Island channel we had one more passing
Mr Wm Wilson however the wind was light and at 4 PM we came
to anchor in Stodards Island Harbour and there the land was
and the Capt. Mr Wilson and me went on shore to see our friends
I went to Erminas my Sister and she was not home but I saw
Lettie my Brother in law down at his little Store I went
down to him he had been out fishing and had just come
in presently I saw Ermina coming over the brook
she ran as nimbly as she used to when she used to run
after me to catch me when I was a boy of 5 years old
she picked out some fish to make a chowder saying that she
knew that Ben would like a chowder so we went up to the house
and had our Supper and spent a fine pleasant Evening for
Ermina and Lett were quite fond of me and I got them from bay-
brook at 10 PM found the Capt and Mr Wilson and went on board
the night fine and clear wind W.S.W. but all appearance of it
being to the S.W. in the morning which will be fine for us

Journal From Barrington Towards St John. N.B.
On Schooner Capt J. Ironwell
Kept by Benja Dorr

Tuesday 28th Oct 1849 Fine clear weather Wind from S.W. at 4 A.M. got underway and started on our voyage had moderate breezes all day and at 6 P.M. anchored in your mouth the Capt and Mr. Wilson went on shore and returned at 10 P.M.

Friday 30th at 4 A.M. got underway and proceeded on our voyage moderate breezes from S.W. at 4 P.M. passed through the passage moderate through the night

Sat 31st Gentle breezes and hazy at 8 A.M. saw Patridge Island and at 10 A.M. rainy weather pulled into the market wharf this evening, I went and saw my Cousin Capt Joseph Kenney, spent the evening with him and went to my lodgings

Sunday 1st November 1849 Spent my day mostly in the house in the afternoon took a walk to see the old place where I use to live I fell in with the third mate of the whale ship he had been home two months and was carrying on a law suit against the Owners for his wages

Monday 2nd A fine day this morning at 9 A.M. I went on board of a ship that lay on the ship getting repaired and Capt Kenney was Superintending her I had not been there long before Mr Stewart the Owner of the whale ship came on board and Capt Kenney introduced me to him as his Cousin Mr Stewart told me to call at his Office at 2 P.M. and he would settle with me at 2 P.M. I was at the Office and accordingly got paid my voyage cleared about one hundred pound Sterling. And after deducting

the money that I owe I have now 59 pound Sterling to receive I took it on board and locked it up for safe keeping

Tuesday 3rd To day I ordered some clothes made such as an over coat a pair of Pants and a vest I saw a Cousin of mine Capt Simon Kenney I boarded at his house before I went whaling and his wife took the parting glass with when I left her house we have had some good times to gether Capt S. Kenney invited me to call on him that evening and accordingly I went but it was changed

When Jane was married and Mrs. M. Barnes was married also and there was nothing for me so I stayed the evening and went to my lodgings

Journal from Lt John. Howards Barrington
Schooner Capt J. Crowell
Capt J. Crowell
Lieut J. B. Barrington

Thursday 5th November 1849 Fine breezes and clear weather
at 2 Pm Started from St John with a fair wind from
home again run all night

Friday 6th At 9 Am made the West Head Entrance of
Barrington Passage and at 11 Am anchored off the
Back of the Island channel and went on shore I
had bought some Flour Sugar, Molasses and Tea for
family use and several other little articles at 2 Pm
went onboard and got my things out and carried
them up to the house All hands well and party
at 7th Gentle breezes and clear weather to day I
stayed in the house all day and regulated my
affairs done some rewrighting put my chest in order
opened some of the provision that I had brought
from St John and sundry other jobs

Sunday 8th A Fine pleasant day wind to the westward
got up Early washed shaved and dressed my self for
Church at 10 Am went to Church and saw many pretty
girls After Church went home with Joseph Crowell
and took dinner after dinner took a walk went
home and got my Supper and went to Evening meeting
and again I saw many pretty girls see ---

Monday 9th Fresh breezes and fine weather This morning
the Seal Island Boat came off on an arout
William Dickens invited me to go on with him and
spend a few days so I took my gun and other necessary
articles for sporting and got all ready to start
in the morning we were to have two lady
passengers to go on to the Island got the boat
all ready and my self a good store of ammunition
Boots and hunting cap and hole my self ready
for the morning to leave at day light

The Seal Island light is kept by Mr Dickens a Cousin
of mine the Island is a great place for gunning fishing
and other sports too innumerable to mention

Journal . On the Seal Islands Sporting

Benjamin Brown

Tuesday 10th November 1848 Commenced with strong breeze
and cool weather at 7 AM made sail from Robert
Wharf with our passengers onboard at 9 AM we
sailing through one of the tide rips took a fog
split our jib tore the fore sail and wetted down
chimney and frightened the Passengers very much
however we kept her off and got in some of the
sail and then proceeded on our course at noon
lander at the Light-house landing, Seal Island
stopped to Mr Hitchins all night Cousin Sarah
Hitchins (Richards wife) was quite sick

Wednesday 11th Strong gales from N.W. took my gun and made
a cruise round the shore but nothing to be seen
to shoot at Cousin Sarah very sick

Sat 14th Strong gales from West and cold weather
this morning Angel Crowder came to Mr Hitchins
and invited me to come and see him at this Saturday
after dinner I went to his house and there I was
made welcome by Uncle Ned and Aunt Jemima
and friends to my Father and Mother

On this Island I stayed till the 20th of December

I had a good time I used to get up in the morning and take
my gun and make for the ponds and then cruise round the
shores I killed a great many fowl and some sheep that
we wanted for mutton

December 1st Thursday A fine Pleasant day Mr William
Hickens his Brother and hired man took their boat
and lines fishing craft and gave me an invitation
to go out fishing with them we went and caught
200 fish to the boat there was four of us & caught 30
of them and one of the boats crew caught twenty
twenty six we got home in good season dressed
our fish and had a good chowder that night the next
day was stormy and I went a hunting for sea
fowl shot 8 ducks and got home at dark

Home again Barrington N.S.

Thurs 10th December 1849 A very fine day this morning got
our boat all ready and at 8 AM launched and made
sail for home again left all quite well but cousin
Sarah who is very sick indeed at 11 AM landed
at Robertsons wharf and I took my self home as
fast as possible after dinner I came down to the
boat and got my share 15 ducks and 30 cod fish was
all that I had saved from my thirty days cruise
then I wore out my Pants Boots and dirtied all my
shirts and under clothes I was glad enough to get
Sat 12th A fine day I am getting homesick at 10 o'clock I
started down to Mr. Haden's Saylor Shop at the foot
of Robertsons hill I met Miss M. R. S. She seemed
to not know me and I pretended the same but we
both bowed as we passed each other when I got into
the shop I asked who that lady was that I passed
as if I had never seen her. we had a game of
chess and a smoke and then I went home again
Sunday 13th Today I went to church of course and had some
of my Gentleman friends to dine with me
A great many of the young men of B. have got
home this Fall and Winter and we must be pretty
strong my nephew Henry was home and I am expecting
him to come and spent a few days with me
Sunday 20th Today I was called to attend the funeral of one
of my old acquaintance Benja. Swain who died on
his passage home from Halifax. Madison Hendrick
got home last night - he has been from home two
years. After the funeral was over I came home
and went to church at the Island Oh how strange it is to
me to see the young men and girls that was so small
years ago when I left home and now men and women grown
some of them married and nearly all of them are engaged
so there is none left for me however I do not feel uneasy
as yet for there is some that will say yes if asked I think

In Barrington N.S.
At Home Spending the winter

By Benny Doane

Thursday 24 December 1849 A dark foggy drizzly day and full
of snow underfoot the boys all came to me and wanted
me to dress up in costume of Sandy claws I had bro
ut a Native Cheaps dress of the South Sea Island
and I blacked my face and legs and hands and put
on the dress and my wife and two children all
dressed in costume The first place I visited was George
Wilson. Mr Robertsons Solomon Kindricks and Joseph
Kindricks and several other places I got home at 10
was had my self and went to bed

Friday 25th Commences with rainy wether and fog wind S.E. at
2 Pm the wind blew in to the N.W. and grew cold the
boys all came to see me and to know what we should do to
amuse our selves this evening Cousin Harvey came off the
Island to see me and I thought it best to have some place
to meet and dance play or have a good time as it is called
Well accordingly we went to Mr Thomas Crowells Shop
and bought some Raisins Apples candies and all sorts of
Sweets and got Joseph Fry to let is have his house to
spend the evening in. at 8 Pm I went there and found
that the house was filled with nearly all Strangers
I saw Cordellie Doane and Miss M.R.R. there but the
time I did not know her so I stayed about an hour and
got tired of being there Play button hunt the Slipper and
Sup which I did not like very much and I left and came

Home when I got home my sister asked me why I
did not stay the evening I told her that they were playing
playes that I got tired and came home if they had danced I should
have stayed why she said that they were all church members and
they could not dance and she did not see how they could have played
I told her several of the names of the girls that were there
and she told me who were church members and who were not
I told her I could not see any difference in them for they all played
after this the girls heard of it and they would not speak to me and said
that I had told stories about them so I left them alone and they soon
got tired and sent for me and asked me to go give them for their conduct

Christmas

Stm Barrington Nova Scotia
Christmas & New Year Hollow Day

Sat 26th December 1849 Cold with Snow in the morning
took my gun and Scales and went onto Fresh Brook
Pond and had a Scale then went Partridge hunting
Sunday 27th Fine weather but very cold went to Church and
took dinner with Joseph Crowell went to evening
meeting and got home by 9 Pm and went to bed
Monday 28th Cold but fine weather with Snow through
out the week we have had good sociable times every
night or evening out to a party or sociable
New Years Day

Friday 1st January 1850 Commences with Cold weather and
heavy snow today the Benevolent Society hold their
Bazar at Mr Gabriel Robertsons and I have got up a shooting
match on Charley Point which is close to it and all the Men and
have down on me for they say that I take away all their custom
and so I do through the day partly tho I tell them that it
will be made up to them by the Evening we had a good strong
gathering at our target shooting some times I had my pockets full of
beer and then again it would be nearly empty However after dark
we all started off for the Bazar to have a good Supper and
there was young men from far and near to our shooting and
all of us went to the Bazar to have a good time there amongst
the girls Well after arriving at the house ten of us young men engaged
table and ordered tea in fact a Supper for we were hungry the table
was laid and we invited ten young ladies to talk Tea with us and
we had a very good Supper And after it was over there came off a
number of raffles which we all took part in even raffled a
roast from off the top of a cake in one corner of the Bazar room
Miss M. R. R. with several more of her Town relations and
friends but we did not speak one pretence that we did not know
each other we had tea taste and Samosiers again a haunt of cold
and finally broke up at 10 Pm and went home Florry and me
after we got home began to reckon how much we spent it
amounted to about 7 dollars a piece the proceeds of that night Bazar
turn in more money than ever it had before since it was organized

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia
Spending Christmas & New Years Holydays

Saturday 2nd January 1850 Cold weather and snow squalls after
breakfast Mr and me went down to my Sister James to
her Martin had gone down to the Shop so we asked James to
make us some Brandy Toddy as we knew that Martin
kept it I went up to Mother and got four Eggs and
we soon had a good bowl full of Toddy after an hour
we got up to leave and in came Martin he asked us
to stop awhile longer and have some Brandy with
him we dare not say we had some so we stayed and
took our Brandy and also stayed to dinner.

Spent a pleasant Evening at Home
Sunday 3rd Cold with Snow today went to church as the day
clo. to see and be seen in the afternoon the weather
more finer went to church in the Evening and came
home by my self did not find any company to come
with but Henry and my self went together
went home and retired to rest on our beds and I was
dreaming of distant lands and strange sights &c

Monday 4th Fine weather and strong breezes at 8 AM Henry
Dorcas and me started up to the Shore to get a Horse
and carriage to go to Shelburne we wanted to look at
a new Brig that had been built there for Martin and
He expected to go mate of her we got our dinner
at Boardings hired a Horse and the drivers
(Dr Gordian) Wagon and started by 2 PM the old horse
would not go so one of us had to get out and drive
him while the other rode this is what we call working
our passage we arrived in Shelburne at 7 PM and put up at
got our Tea and went out and took a walk
round the Town as it is called it being a Snow Storm we
came in very Early and went to bed

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia. Spending the Winter.

Sept 3, 1830

Wednesday 5th January 1830 Cold weather and a deep snow after breakfast we took a walk down by the Ship ran off Mr W. more and introduced our selves to him and his Son James at 9 Am it commenced to snow and rain James took us to the house and we stayed there till 2 in the afternoon and then started for home but it rained so hard that we turned back before we had got half a mile on our journey put up our horse at Mr. Mewers and stayed there all night.

Thursday 6th January Stormy weather and we have to keep house all day in the afternoon J. & M. took a walk after we came back went on board of the Brig she was launched and laying in the Harbour to anchor.

Friday 7th January Fine weather and cold blawing wind from N. W. at 9 Am Harnessed up our Carron (Horse) and started for home we had good linen in Shelbourne and started off for home quite fast we did not have to get out and took them along this passage we arrived at Barrington Head to at 3 Pm give up our teams and traveled down home.

Saturday 8th January This morning Henry took a boat and went on home went as far as Badens Shop with him and stopped there a while.

Sunday 9th January Cold blustros weather this morning went down the road to take a bath and felt in with a lot of our boys now there is a house this winter several young men that have been away for some time and we manage to meet through the day in Evening I will give their names Joseph Crowell, Charles, Kendrick, Schmiack, Wilson, George & Charles Crowell, J. Joseph, Hay, and Henry, Isaac and my self besides the young men that is always at home. We spent the day at William Crowell's Shop and in the Evening a few of us met at Mr. Joseph Crowell's and through the evening I was asked what we should get up to spend the time carefully stated them have a singing School so we drew up a paper to get signers and sent that Evening first male parties I kept with Joseph and we all proposed to meet the next evening at some convenient place and so forth our leaves.

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia.
Opening the Winter.

Monday 11th January 1850 A cold blowing day at 10 A.M. J. Crook
Oswald Wilson Ketchum Wilson, Mr. Hendrick called to see me about
making arrangements for the School they had got twenty
to our paper and we did not want any more they had been
Arthur Doane and had engaged him to come to this and
and teach us to Sing 25 nights. we agreed to meet at the
Shop that evening and finish our arrangements accordingly at
7 P.M. we all met and we agreed to pay \$1.50 each
man and have the privilege of taking a ally with
us to the School, no Spectators and if one of the School
wanted to bring a friend to School with him he had to pay
25 cents for each person we paid the Master or
Teacher 25 Dollars and give 10 Dollars for the Doane
School house to Sing in and have the fines to buy lights
to at last we began to enquire who the girls were to
be but they could not give out who was my partner
However after breaking up I went down to Josiah Smith's
and asked Mrs. Smith to let Jeffery Jane go to School with
me and she gave her consent.

Tuesday 12th Fine weather all hands anxious to get to the
School the Old women began to scold and said it was
only a School got up by the boys so they could get
the girls out of sight of their parents when the
Evening came we all met at an early hour at the
house had on a good fire and we had quite a good time
before the Teacher came and at 7 P.M. commenced operative
Soundings the woyse and other performances &c &c
after 9 broke up and had a good time and went home
with the girls now the old women are not far
out of the way for there are but a few that go
there to learn to Sing as for my part I go
to see and see how the I can learn to Sing as well
as any one I think I do not care to take
the trouble at such times I Sing a Song to them
Such as the Lass of Cowery, Marble Halls, and the Bride Ring

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia Spending the Winter

Thursday 14th Jan 1800 A very fine day In the morning I took my gun and started off on the cruce shooting I got back home about 4 P.M. when I entered into the house I saw a lot of girls in our vest room Sewing reading &c I asked where they were and my Sister Anne told me she had sent for some of the girls about the neighbour hood to come and spend the afternoon and Evening and also for me to invite the young men of my acquaintance to come and spend the evening with them which agreeably did my Sister took one in and introduced me to the rest there was one there that I had seen before Nov. 12. However I pretended that I had forgotten to brook up the party at 10 And I waited upon the girls home got dressed and came home next one went to bed

Monday 18th This evening I have an Entertainment to a small party a Mr James Brydges his Sister lives with him and she is a lively girl so the party is for her at 8 P.M. Several of us boys started from W. Crowells Shop and went to the party there was a goodly number there and all hands enjoying our selves some singing &c but the Skipper Ship the willow &c but as for me I began with a young lady Conversation carries plants to the annoyance of some of the young ladies who forbade it but we kept on plant conversation

I waited on a certain young lady home who I had seen in other part of town 21st Fine and cold weather Emphatic to day. I then Provanse shopping woud receive an invitation to a small party at Mr J Knowless house this evening at 8 P.M. went to the house and found a goodly number of young ladies and gents there we had a very pleasant evening so the girls and boys and enjoyed our selves very much as the we made considerable noise at times and Mrs Knowless came in and told us to be more quiet that we played forfeits and Septimus and finely broke up and went home at 9 o'clock or an 10 there are many boys

At Home in Barrington Spending the Winter

Monday 25 January 1850 Cold Easterly winds and light fall of
Snow at 2 P.M. I went down to Mr. J. Knowles to
buy a ticket for the Steam Tea meeting which is to
come off tomorrow in the Town House at the head of
Barrington harbour and also enquire Miss M. R. K. to
go with me she gladly accepted. Now I tried to get
a horse and sleigh to hire but could not get one for
love nor money at 10 P.M. it lit in a thick Snow
Storm and blew a gale of wind from the N.E.
Tues 26th This morning more finer weather but very deep
Snow I ran round to get a horse and sleigh but could
not find one in all the place at last I hired a sleigh
of one of the sleighers from a young man one of my most
intimate friends and he promised me to call on to take
Miss R. up to the head the Snow was very deep and
I went home then to dress and would have to walk
up through the Snow myself the young man took
the sleigh got his girl in with him and drove right
past Mrs. K. door and did not call for her when I
heard of this I started off to try Mr. George Wilson
and Mr. Obadiah Wilson if they would let me have the
horse and sleigh offering to pay double hire for them
but they were out of order and I did not get them then I came
back home and swore I would not go but while I was running
round Mrs. M. R. and her sister started through the Snow on foot and
I started after them I met several of my acquaintances and some of
the girls taunted me with not getting a sleigh ride and telling
the girls what this made me mad. I got up in time to get
Tea found the girls there and we had a good time the
Rev. Mr. Wilson lectured on astronomy and several others spoke
and they said that the passage boys were hanging to come up to
Tea meeting in such a storm but they got over money and
we were determined to have a good time storm or not at
11 P.M. it broke up and we walked home together through a
deep Snow and so passed the evening for gave that person give
telling me about the sleigh ride

at Home in Barrington Spending the Winter

Friday 29th January 1850 Cold & blustering weather went to singing School and during the Evening came in contact with the lady that twisted me of not getting a sleighride to Sea meeting & take a place of my min and that she had to thank me as well as others for their rides that day as I had lent some of them money to buy their tickets and had been the means of getting a horse for them. so we never were very friendly after.

Saturday 3rd February 1850 Sharpe Cold weather this morning H. Loane invited me to come onto the T. L. as a party of Mr. Riley & at 6 P.M. Gabriel and Thomas Robertson Mr. Shaden and my self got a boat and went on to the Island we spent the Evening very agreeable about 9 P.M. the floor was cleared and we had a dance this I took part in and was in my element Broke up at 11 O'clock and we came off and all got safe home

Sunday 15th Soft mild weather this afternoon my brother and I went up to the Head to get some kippers and shopped till evening as he came by the Town House he heard that there was a meeting of the old Temperance Society. he went there and stepped in to hear and see what was going on as some of the old men spoke of the good it had done others said it was rotten and the Sons of Temperance had sprang out of it this touched some of our old men and they began to have high words and as soon as any one would speak in favour of the old Society and tell of the faults of the Sons they were called to order and set down This did not suit our old men they said that they had had a voice there before and that they had a right to speak and called for a hearing but they were silenced They then appointed a another meeting to come off on the 23rd When our passage boys heard of this it rose our blood and we told the old men that they should have a hearing and when they got up to speak that we would stand by their side and see if any one would put them down without pulling the House down.

At Home in Barrington Spending the Winter

Wednesday 23rd Feb. 1850 A fine warm day and a few of us boys
met and agreed to stand by each other and our old neighbors
this Evening as they were going to have a Temperance
meeting at the Town House at the usual hour. Accordingly
at 7 Pm we all met at the House and commenced
business they appointed a chairman Mr. J. West a son of Mr.
and organized their Society Several of their members and
officers were Sons They called the Society the Excelsior
Society Some of our old men objected to having Sons for officers
but the Sons had the majority and we all left in
disgust and appointed another meeting there on the
26th for to organize another Society and then
came home not very well pleased.

Friday 26th Moderate and pleasant weather a few of us boys
met together and discussed the probabilities of the
following evening at our Temperance meeting
at 7 Pm a goodly number met at the Town House. Elected
a chairman Capt. Sol. Kendrick then several of our friends got up
and spoke and advocated Temperance while Mr. Joseph Crowell and
Archibald Hopkinds was speaking. Some of the Board gents hissed
and disturbed the meeting this was more than our patience
could bare and as one gent happened to be near Mr. A. H. Son
when he interrupted him Hopkinds took him by the collar and
shook him. A Magistrate, Mr. J. Coffin seeing one of his clerks
getting handled rough ordered the Constables to take Hopkinds
and put him in the stocks (under the Town house) at that word
I caught the fire and sprang from my seat. I struck the wall with
my fist close to the head of Squire Coffin and told him in a German
resolute voice that if he put that young man in jail he
would have to put me there also. and we and we cried out
a dozen resolute voices and in a minute all was confusion
and tumult. I got up onto a bench so I could see and be
heard and told them that we had come there to speak and
to be heard as our fathers had done before us and that we would
not be put down by them without contesting our right.

At Home in Harington Operating the Winter

and in a short time all was quiet again and we proceeded with our Society we called it the Temperance Union Band we all signed it appointed our officers and settled our affairs and broke up in triumph and went home better satisfied altho some of us would have liked to close in with some of the poor boys as we had no good liking for them

Tues 2nd March This is a fine day and we have heard that there was a summons out for G. Hopkins and we but could not get any Constable to take it however true it is may be they never came after us nor did we thank them but if they had put us in the danger the Van House would have been tumbled into the Mill river that I dare

Thurs 4th Stormy weather cold rain and sleet at 10 AM about 6 of us long met in Gladens Taylor Shop. (Gabriel & Thomas Robertson Joseph Hopkins Joseph Crowell Masdon Hindon and my self) I proposed to make a flag for our Temperance Society and accordingly it was agreed to we bought the stuff and gave H. cut out the letters and the rest of us made the flag and by 6 PM we had it finished and bent to a pole it was Swallow tail with the name on to it Temperance Union Band with a Union in the upper corner 174 1/2 to the Staff and I was appointed Colar Sargent or Signal master and kept the flag

Friday 5th Cold rainy weather and muddy roads I got permission from S. Robertson to hold a Temperance meeting in his new house this evening fitted it up and spread the flag out over where the minister would lecture we engaged Mr. Curney to give us a Sermon or two and several others spoke and a number of men children and boys and women and girls signed the paper we had a good time and went home

at the close of our meeting it had been whispered around that we were going to meet the Sons of Jim next day when they walked in procession and the 30 men persuaded us not to go

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia
Spending the Winter

Barren House

Wednesday March 18 1850 A fine Punching day strong breeze from
the N.W. at 12 noon I heard the guns firing and the sound
of the guns. They were marching in procession I took my gun
and went into the woods to get out of the way but did
not get far before I heard Mrs. Foster there calling me I went
round and came out and found that some of the Sons had come
for me and had taken the flag and left word for me to come
down to Flanders Shop and get hair to wash and must have been
I went down and found about 8 young men ready to march to
Flanders or the Devil if he was a man proposed to go as "Cold Stone"
that the Sons would insult us and that we are not enough
to have any kind of a battle with them they all seemed to be
in a hurry that I picked up a stick and threw it at them that
I would go under those conditions that if we were insulted to
accept it and if any came to take our flag to give it for it will
we were not able to stand and they all agreed to it and we
started off. As we came up to the head of the procession we
threw the flag in the mud took off our hats and bowed them
and bowed to them that rose their hats to us and added to them
and to those that did not rise their hats first in the procession
the Sons were at Mr. Drileys house back next door to the
the ministers after they passed us we went some and got
out of the house. The Sons were to give a salute at the Town House this
evening and we all appeared to go and near there I saw so at 7
we all got seated in the House and the first man got up was
Mr. Appleby and gave us a share. He done very well he was part of
his speech but recommended me to write our Society a lot of typos
and drunkards with Capt. Salcoe Sale to our friend. He has been
named Capt. Horn and could lead us anywhere. He also scandalized our
churches and their members it made my blood boil I offered to go
and take him down off the platform and tar and feather him if
we were to go with me but we were too few and were to meet
at 10 P.M. and Mr. Cairn and a Mr. Hannals and several others
at 10 P.M. it broke up and we all came home feeling hot and ready
to go down the Town House the 1st Lieutenant

Impotence, Union Band The Flag

by Benja. Fane

Fling abroad its poles to the cooling breeze.
Let it float at the mast-head high
And waft around all hearts, persuade
To sustain it there as die.
In rebellion of peace and hope to the wounded
Unstained; let it ever be
And live to the wound where ere it waves
Our Flag is the Flag of the free.
O'er the Summer proclaims to the listening Earth
That the reign of the tyrant is o'er
The galling chain of the monster Ruin
That enslave mankind no more.
An emblem of hope to the poor and lost
Oh! we in arms may see
And shout with glad voice as you raise it high
Our Flag is the Flag of the free.
Then on high on high let that banner wave
And lead us the foe to chase.
Let it float in triumph over our heads
As be our guiding star
And never oh never belt pinned
Till its waves over land and sea
And all mankind shall tell the sound
Our Flag is the Flag of the free.

1 next day to Church 1860 cold shabby weather, wind N.W. and rain
I am getting my clothes and things ready for departure
I expect to go to sea very soon. I am in a hurry
I am to go in the steamboat the new bridge
The same B. F. Fane is going male and wants me
to go with him on male. So we agree and mail up
my mind to sail in our own vessels. This afternoon
I went down to B. Robertsons new house and got my
baggage and a few more things. I am going to sea
in a vessel called the "Cassidy" and a friend of the Captain
has just been in the house and found and left a letter to me.

An Allegory

Awake ye men of Borington
And listen to my story
While I related in proper place
A sort of Allegory
It is of the Sons of Temperance
Of Borington C. Division
Of whom I now intend to speak
As I have great suspicion

Thy motto is I understand
Love the first in rank
While Proty next follows - as
Fidelity I send the story

Perhaps about a month ago
The sons they held a meeting
A certain fellow did promise
To help along their speaking

He was the first to take the floor
His speech was scandalous and trashy
He is the lowest of the low
Therefore I call him Ashley

Now any one that ever heard
About a certain lady
In Liverpool who people say
By A.K.B.Y. had a baby

Will they pretend or dare dispute
The truth of what I am saying
Go ask the men of Liverpool
Who saw him through the grating

Next on the floor came Sam Mr Cowie
Because he'd taken orders
Altho twice from the church expelled
For meddling with the daughters

First of his tricks in Cockburn
He met with Sam Disaster
After that he played a trick
Old say in barneys Past

Am. H. Gregory.
Pacing on the Cords of Temperance

Next meet Eriens Sons appear
With courage like a martyr
Who if his wife did tell the truth
I'd choke with with the gutter
How many more less used to speak

The Jeweller and Sailor
When they their Gallants did display
Thence in the shade their Gays
Sax to the Chairman I vote - I

Hee let there in a flutter
I fear if he took men his ways
He'd lose his brass and better
How any one that read those lines
Should want more explanation.
Please call on me and they will find
I'll have no hesitation

Love Purity Fidelity

If you upon these act
When honest men were picked out
You'd not been so abject
So to forget that Love for them
Now there for one another
All tho perhaps they did not
The title of a Brother
So to the Sons both the one and all
Who host of your division
I lay me just before I close
So show you your condition
This truth to you I now must tell
Who constitutes that Faction
Subtract the individuals from your gang
And their remains a faction

By Am. H. Gregory

At Fort Harrison. Nova Scotia.
Spring The Winter
Benjamin Drake

March 25th 1850 A very fine warm day (this morning Abner
and Henry Drake went to Shelburne to fit out and rig the
new brig cutter (Ambassador) and I am to come down
next week more or less quite - but to leave home in
all the young folks. The ice will be soon enough

April 2nd 1850 A fine warm day and I have got to go to Shelburne
and go to work and have all the girls and boys to look
care of themselves. At 10 AM I left home on horse back and
soon enough did feel I do not know how I should
arrive in Shelburne at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I
wonder the ground covered with snow.

Friday 3rd Cold weather. To day I commenced work on Board Brig
Ambassador, making and mending Sails, Stopping Blocks
Splicing and mending Tackling and masting, and our fingers as cold
as the very, I. and the ropes like wires. I left about 8 AM.

Thursday 4th Up at day light and at your work you go at 8 AM
get breakfast swallow it as fast as possible and run to
work. No half hour to breakfast. I know
that my mother told her son I should at home
to be off. This is killing work hands so cold
that I scarcely can dress my self in the morning. Now I am
getting tired of playing tom cox, traverses at home
out of one house into another. very cold snow and ice.
The mate and me are making standing sails when it is too
cold to work out of doors.

Other 6th Cold misty weather in the morning. Quite clear
the snow off the vessels deck it was very high. I was
in the ship at work at the sails. To what other
thing? At 10 AM morning at 10 AM went to the
Hill to hear the Rev Mr. Wickers preach. I heard
most of the sermon and just I did not hear for
I slept about 3/4 of an hour. I was very tired
last night. In the evening went to school to see
lots of boys and girls here. They can't come out to see Sunday
school. I was heartily glad to see me so well. My new

Journal from Barrington H.D. & B.D. & Co
Rigging the "Embassador" in Shelburne
N.S.

Monday 15th April 1850 It is a cold windy day wind from N.W.
blowing a gale at 9 AM I went down to the passage to
look for H. yesterday when we parted he said that he had
come off the "Lance" so to be ready to start for Shelburne
to "Tom" at 10 AM I began to get uneasy fearing that
he would start to come off and get swamped as the blow
very heavy at noon went home and got my dinner and
then came down to H. Robertsons Shop and watched the
passage at about 4 PM I saw a Boat coming across and
landed at J. Robertsons wharf I met him and we started
for our horses when we got into the road all met
Miss Sarah, Eliza & Jane C. They were coming on home.
Evening the "Lance" was at the wharf of "Hercules" and they lost
very much disappointed and I do not wonder for he was
to be able to come from Shelburne to see her and the
was able to the "Queen" however then I took rain and
got by and all the off and on and on. In our pa
I was kept till the side of the "Lance" he sent the "Hercules"
and they in the night kept backing and filling till night
fall. I am not sure but could not discover any friends
at H. I learned that "Hercules" had gone off on a cruise
to the "Hercules" his boat off and by by till morning it blew
so on then that he could not make sail at 10 AM
when he started and we set all sail and when he fell in
with me he was in company with two other "Hercules"
they exchanged signals "Hercules" ship and stood on their
courses now said he Bill this "Hercules" been a collecting Cruise
for me it is cold and there is a light lets run in
and take some fresh provisions and warm up and the
we will see fresh so we stopped at Beaver Dam got
some warm beef and our Suppers and started off and in
Shelburne at 10 PM Sir James and our "Hercules" met
Tuesday 16th This morning quite fine but some of the sail
fell into a lock and lost in the "Hercules" this evening I wrote
a letter to home to let them know when we shall sail

Journal from Shellbourne Towards Liverpool N.S.
Brig Ambascador Capt. M. Doane
y Buzo Inamo

Thurs 15th April 1830 A fine clear day yesterday. Shipping was very much and ready to sail for Liverpool at 4 PM. A light breeze and fine weather on our voyage with the wind at times and moderate.

Friday 19th Wind from the East light breeze off the mouth of the river. At 12 noon we anchored and sailed into Liverpool harbour and was put up to the bridge and pulled alongside of wharves and moored.

Saturday 20th A fine weather commenced to take out our ballast and get ready to take in our cargo. Sea is a breeze and a fine day. I do not like the people of Liverpool.

Sunday 21st Fresh gales to the ship first and we began to load lumber from the pier it takes them a long time to do things and we get out shall have to be in the pier for some time to saw commences the work taking in the lumber work and as hard as you can.

Monday 22nd April 1830 Breeze from N.E. and at work taking in lumber at 4 PM. Officers have one call and we are in the river and saw George Crockett passing just one in a boat he belonged to an American trading schooner now in Liverpool. They with them the crew were gone home to the ship. Friends and relatives came and from the evening with them and I did not see any more and away to the ship in the evening till 10 PM. George went home and slept with me to night.

Tuesday 23rd Strong breezes to day. I wrote a letter. Some took a walk in the river. Saw plenty of geese and ducks.

Wednesday 24th Strong breeze from West. To day we were over the bar and on a dark sea anchored in the river.

Thursday 25th Strong breezes from West at 10 AM. Shipping was in the river and proceeded to the pier.

Friday 26th Nothing new to be seen but the blow of water. Large quantities of lumber and some in the river.

Saturday 27th The water was still in the river. The wind from the West. The ship was in the river and the wind from the West.

Sunday 28th The water was still in the river. The wind from the West. The ship was in the river and the wind from the West.

Journal of Brig. The Vanguard from Liverpool N.C.
Towards Barbados Capt. M. Dore

Thursday 16th Nov 1880 Commenced with moderate breeze at 10 AM
was in company with the Brig. Speed of Durham at 12 noon
a 14 (noon) 15 miles back in light sails at 4 PM
Have no under close reef main top sail and fore top sail
The Brig. Ensign with many sails and rough sea
was, however, being rough weather - ever since we left with
drifting winds and much rain very squalls in the night
nothing we have, not made much headway since, being

Friday 17th Fine breeze from the N.W. at 10 AM. The Brig. Ensign
was from the North. The Brig. Ensign was at the weather
at 1 PM. The Brig. Ensign was at the weather
and I have seen it has been so fine and at some times
as I wish the Brig. Ensign was at the weather
The Brig. Ensign was at the weather
all of the girls and boys have just come from the weather
it is now Eight O'clock. I have just been released from the weather

Saturday 20th Moderate breeze and fine weather at 10 AM. The Brig. Ensign
has the Brig. Ensign at the weather
at work getting the Brig. Ensign at the weather
in company with an American Brig. Ensign at the weather

Sunday 22nd Fine clear weather. Hands variously employed. The Brig. Ensign
the Brig. Ensign at the weather
upposed to be at the weather
The Brig. Ensign at the weather
12 miles back from the weather

Monday 23rd Fine breeze from the N.W. at 10 AM. The Brig. Ensign
and the Brig. Ensign at the weather
back of the Brig. Ensign at the weather
the Brig. Ensign at the weather

Tuesday 24th Moderate breeze from the N.W. at 10 AM. The Brig. Ensign
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Journal of Brig Ambassador from Liverpool R.E.
Sewards Barbadoes Capt. M. Dwyer
by John Dwyer

Monday 3rd June 1850 Light air and fine weather this morning the vessel
H.D. flogged the Cook for washing his dishes in running water
and other dirty tricks. He will teach them the next time
he is in the ship. The Cook for not washing out his hands
to make milk in and then licked him again for threatening to
leave me when I get home One down on the bourne little
at 11 P.M. had a squall and came in contact with a Whirlwind
but did not receive any damage only lost my cat overboard
Tuesday 4th June weather fine and light breezes from N.E. at 12 noon
after getting our lat and long we found that we could not
reach Barbadoes in 10 days every strong current running
to the westward and the wind constantly to the O. East the
Capt. concluded to put off and run down to Antigua to inquire
how the best way to get to Barbadoes. At 1 P.M. heaved the goods up
and the ship's boats got the chains and anchors all ready
Wednesday 5th June weather fine and light breezes at 2 AM took in light sails and
beached the main yard and lay till day light at 4 AM put off
at 2 AM saw the land East End of Antigua having 10 to 12 miles
at 11 AM took aboard as at 4 PM came to anchor outside
the town the Port being S.E. 1 m. East of Port went on shore
Thursday 6th June weather at 7 AM the Capt. went on shore to inquire
the news and to find out where the best market was
took on shore 2 water casks to get filled with water
The Capt. meaning that the best market for lumber was
in windward Barbadoes Demerara and Trinidad. Came aboard
at 12 noon and was determined to beat up to Barbadoes if
weighed anchor and proceeded to sea. After making two trials
over to Gaudelope found that the current was running strong
and would have to give up the hopes of getting to Barbadoes
Friday 7th June strong breezes from N.E. at 6 AM was over under Antigua on
at 10 AM had full to seaward about 2 miles Tacked to the South and
abandoned the idea of beating up and now was to get to Barbadoes
at 4 PM was under the West End of Antigua
Saturday 8th June weather fine and light breezes from N.E. at 12 noon
the other hand as we pass along. Ends with light breezes

Journal of Brig Ambazador from Liverpool Rd
via Antigua Towards Trinidad Capt St John

Monday 7th June 1850 Commenced with fine weather at 11 AM and
sailing for Kingston, St. Vincent. There last three or four
days we have had squally weather from E. to S.W. and back
again, with under way sails half of the time, passed close to
the West end of the Island Dominica. Martineo St. Lucia and
now are going to call at St. Vincent at 2 PM put out the boat
and the Capt took two men and went ashore. At 1 PM on
S.W. breeze the Capt came on board looking in the boat and
proceeded towards Trinidad at 3 PM. The weather being so
hot comes this weather looks dark and stormy

Tuesday 18th Squally weather at 12 noon the wind changed to S.W. and
a small swell. Saw the Island of Tobago having S.E. Dist 10 miles
Saw also the Island of Trinidad S.W. Dist 35 miles. This being
such a tedious passage we must not watch and at 1 PM the wind after
noon watch below and the wind a rain the look having very large
and in the fore a look at 1 PM it showed his head that it
might change the wind and accordingly did so and in one
hour from that time the wind changed to N.E. and
the weather began to clear up. At 1 PM saw that to have the
sails set and make him coast at 2 PM the wind
change the wind and now I must believe it

Wednesday 19th Strong breeze at 4 PM and sail at 11 AM were going from
The Grand Banks in company with a Liverpool Brig that left
10 days before us at 7 PM came to anchor in Port au Port
in 24 fathoms of water and squally with rain

Thursday 24th Fine weather at 11 AM commenced to discharge the
ward put out to stay 45 thousand of lumber was taken
in this port we lay discharging and took in some ballast and
some other things went to the 4 PM. There were several
vessels in port wearing the Glorious, Stars and Stripes and they were
about to leave their moorings at an early hour in the morning and
we were kept lying till after the Sun had sunk behind the
mountains in the South East, says our two Embellishers

On Friday 25th the weather was light

When it proved we sail at 11 AM and at 1 PM

To be the 11 AM

Journal of Brig Ambagador At St Martins Cape, N. B.

Wednesday 17th July 1858 Fine weather wind from N.E. and here, at anchor
all the cargo that we can take off and go out over the bar
and this morning the pilot came on board for that purpose and
- five of our men was on shore they had been there all night
and went after them got one came on board got under way
and went out and came to in 4 to 5 hours of water, the Cap-
tain went ashore found the other man and sent him off with
he got within about 1/2 of the ship and saying to him, make
this visit to me, I am saying that he would show the Pilot
water now to use a man to take the mate to let me know
him when he got on board. So as he came up over the side
of the ship and saw that the Pilot was in the water
and as he attempted to get up at the ship and to him the
Cook came up to me to say for the man when he was
near him he sprang and pushed him headlong into the wa-
ter and there he lay and then picked the man up
the Pilot came to him, him, round the neck, but him told
him when he would say that he would let him off
and go to his mess, he could be released and not to come
back.

Thursday 20th Fine weather wind from N.E. and here, at anchor
all the cargo that we can take off and go out over the bar
and this morning the pilot came on board for that purpose and
- five of our men was on shore they had been there all night
and went after them got one came on board got under way
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Friday 21st Fine weather wind from N.E. and here, at anchor
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and go to his mess, he could be released and not to come
back.

Journal of Brice Ambrose from P. Martins
Toward's New York City with Family

Monday 22 July 1830 I am sorry that we are about as usual. I shall not give another Journal of the progress of nature as yet, but I am working and not without some striking changes. The water sail makes I rounded the whole range and I was in the zigging turned it in some sense it stayed I am left it there and rather than in several parts with permission. The bright work in the range in the range and I am sorry other folks are this and do not see it. Mrs. H. H.

Monday 12th August 1850 Light breeze and fine weather. Several ships
in sight at 4 P.M. Calm at midnight a light breeze
from S.W. at 2 P.M. Put Studd Sails fore and aft at 7 AM.
Saw a N. S. Schooner Boat standing towards us rather close
at 8 AM Pilot boarder us kept off for N. S. wonder all
Sail Hands employed getting anchor on the cable. Landing Chains
and Landing other jobs getting the ship ready to go into port.

Tues: 13th Fresh breezes at 1 P.M. came to anchor at Staten Island at 6 P.M. This Port Officers came on board such as (Health & Newse and Revenue Officers) at 7 P.M. weighed anchor and proceeded to Town at 10 P.M. anchored off the Battery. Pilot and Capt. went ashore for sails &c

Ends with rain wind S.E. and fresh gales
July 16 Fine weather wind E. M. Steamers employed hunting whales
and made heads at 1 P.M. steamer made fast to no weight
another and Docked at the foot of St. Louis St. E. P. a - the
Bergen Hall works Ends with fine weather and cool
This evening I went to Benton. at the Boarding the rails
were back beyond and then found Harris at home at the
Fallen Raids at home at 12 m. July 17, 1871, was a

Monday 18th Pleasant weather this morning. We were again called abroad and took the Capt to Church St. till afternoon. Took a walk in the harbor again at 9 P.M. New York is a very fine looking City and the Harbor is a very beautiful place. People in it is from all over the world with native Americans here. This city is very large. The harbor is filled with all Nations and so many ships. The streets are paved over the pavers one would think he was in the land of Carmones or some other part of Europe.

Journal of Brig Tambador
At New York Capt. M. J. J. J.
by J. J. J. J.

Tuesday 20th August 1850 Rang in the forenoon and I saw the other
masts, has been from the ship since Saturday at 4 P.M. they
came on board with a lawyer to settle their accounts for their
wages the Capt would not settle nor thought they would be
clear of all their demands & for as yet and they ve ve ve
Jagers signed but the Cook would not they both had a
lawyer engaged and was going to have some and the mate arrested
as soon as they got their wages but we smelt the plot and
went off we went over South ferry and walked down to
Thomson Avenue and put up at an Hotel all night for
my part I had a good sleep but the mate was very restless

Wednesday 21st Fine weather at 7 AM got breakfast and then
looked for a nother house we found one in De Grauw
De Grauw place and put up there for two or three days
wrote a note to the Capt to let him know where we were
and represented our selves as belonging to the whole of which
to our great mortification the Proprietors wife was an old
of white woman but I took the hat and bottle their
Inquiries got our tea and then took a walk in Brooklyn
The mate went on board the Brig and stayed all night at
House of Pinner myself off as an Engineer

Thursday 22nd Fine weather and gentle breezes after breakfast at 10
o'clock and got my dinner in Williamsburg at 4 P.M. went
on board the Brig and found the Capt and Mate they had
settled with the Cook and Jagers and made them sign off clear
at 4 P.M. Fine weather Heard at work discharging at 5 P.M.
finished and cleared up the decks

Friday 23rd This morning took Pinner and towed down to the Boat
Dock, pulled her on and commenced to copper her, Mr. J. J. J.
our Carpenter that had the Job

Saturday 24th Finished coppering and pulled off the dock at 10 P.M.
and towed down to the River yard the Capt had partly broken
a law with the charges for the veterinarian we had the
and made fast outside of a Dutch vessel sailing for
Cuba. Ended with the day weather

Journal of Brig Ambassador
At New York Capt M Doane

Monday 2nd Sep 1850 Fine, weather throughout the day Employed
Painting, Chipping and Sundry other little jobs

Monday 4th Fresh breezes yesterday we hauled into our berth
we have been waiting for it for a while neither the
we have not been able for we have been to work some
fine scrubbing, painting and painting Today we commenced
to load with Staves, Mr Lewis was our Heavy done we
are bound from here to Cadiz Gibraltar & Malaga
and back, here we are chartered by Mr Tommy Francis & Co.

Monday 16th Fine fresh breeze from S.W. at 10 Am finished
loading, took Steamer and hauled out into the North
River and came to anchor close to Redhook B. and
Stands employed rigging out jib down and getting ready
for Sea in the Evening the mate and me went on
board of Capt M. Smith's vessel and spent the Evening

Wednesday 18th Fine breezes from S.W. at 4 Am got underway and
proceeded to Sea at 10 Am passed Capt Henry Doane
going into New York Spoke him but could not stop
to inquire the news. We kept on our course

Towards Cadiz in The Ambassador

Tues 22nd Oct 1850 Strong Gale's Ship under reef.
Fine course close reef, under top sail and 3rd top mast
sail a heavy sea running at 10 Am Chipped a heavy
Sea Middle part, more moderate Sea. At 4 Pm saw the Lane Cape S. E. distant
25 m. The gale gradually moderate
at noon made more sail

Wednesday 23rd More moderate, making all present sail at 2³⁰ Am
made a (Sail at 10 Am saw Cadiz lying E.
distant 20 m at 2 Pm Cadiz Pilot boarded us and at 4 Pm
came to anchor in Cadiz bay 14 1/2 miles from the shore
The Health officers came alongside and put us in quaran-
tine for 8 days. Employed our selves painting Ship

At made a pair of manrope Slings and some other things
we had several barrels, Shaver and some other things

Journal of Brig Ambrose
Cody, Capt. M. Doane
by Benja Doane

- Wednesday 30th Oct 1850 Commences with fine weather and fresh breezes from W. this morning the quarantine officers came on board and released us we, halled in and commenced to discharge cargo. The Capt went on Shore.
- Sund 3rd Nov 1850 Pleasant weather this morning went on shore to have a look round went up to the Temple of St. Peter Bull going to see a Bull fight went to the top of one of the highest churches and had a view of the City at Seaview the gates were shut and I got shut in so I had to stay on Shore all night.
- Thursday 12th Fine fresh breezes at 6 AM got underway and sailed for Gibraltar in wind at N.E. we finished discharging at this 6th took in ballast and have been lying two days waiting for a fair wind for the wind has been blowing from E. a gale for these two days. at 6 PM Trapped at 14 miles. Ends moderate and fine.
- Friday 13th Commences fine weather - wind S.W. at 8 AM set sail Sails when the sun rose we were between Cape Spartel and Cape Trafalgar and there lay the beautiful Bay of Trafalgar so noted for its being the place where - some of our brave men fought and died and many a noble if not a braver man whose bones lay beneath us with the deep sea rolling over them at noon we were at the Rock of Gibraltar - bound for Malaga.
- Saturday 14th Fine weather 12 midnight - I returned sail and lay off and on till daylight at 6 AM ran into the Bay at 8 the Pilot came alongside and took us in and moved us head and stern close to the West Side and we commenced to take in our ballast.
- Sunday 15th Fine weather at noon commenced to take in cargo Raisins figs and Almonds taking in both sides at once.
- Monday 16th This morning I went on Shore to market and after dinner dressed and went to take a walk I fell in with our officer he took me around Shore and all the convents and churches one of them he said was the richest and oldest in Spain and that of Bonapart Robbed it of some of its gold &c

Journal of Brig Ambassador From Nantaga
Towards Gibraltar and New York Capt M Doane
By M Doane

Monday 18th Nov 1850 To fine clear weather and moderate breezes
we finish loading by 6 Pm on Monday Ship and
weighed her out into the Bay and came to anchor and
to go back and get our Kedge and buoys at 10 Pm
The Capt came on board weighed anchor and made Sail
bound for Gibraltar very moderate

Thurs 21st Fine weather and gentle breeze at 6 AM was close
in with the Rock of Gibraltar at 9 AM came to
Anchor in the Bay a half mile from the Shore
The Capt went on Shore at 1 Pm a lighter boat of
Almonds came alongside took them in and also took
on board 20 Bales of Wool. Evening with Wind from W.

22nd Fine weather wind from W. is getting more
wood and provisions on Board the Capt on Shore today
Taking a look at the Fortification, Caves &c.

Wed 24 Fine weather wind still from W. this afternoon I
went on shore and took a look round through the Rock
and several ground and through some of the Fortification
this is a hard looking place you cannot look any way but
what you see two or three Canon standing you is the place

Wed 25th December 1850 This morning at 6 AM the wind
changed to the Eastward and then was heard the clattering
of Balls & Lead spikes blocks and glands settling of Cannons and anchors
the Bay of Gibraltar seemed to be alive for there were
again waiting for an Easterly wind about three hundred Sail
of Shipping and all commenced to get under way at the same
time and among them is the Far famed American Frigate
Constitution and Lexington bound for New York at 10 AM
the Bay and Straits was covered with Ships of all Nations with
all Sail Set very moderate at Sun Set we were a little behind
the Hill Now this is a fine sight with two continents one on
each side of Europe on the Right Africa on the Left and
the setting Sun and the Broad Atlantic on the west and
the moderate breeze on the East with the Sound of Ships behind
with the rich produce of her Shores oh how beautiful

Journal of Lieut. Commodore John C. Striban
Schooner New York. Capt. M. D. Dore.

By Capt. Dore.

Monday 2nd Decem 1830 To a fine fresh breeze from East and
fine weather at 12 noon was within 2 miles of the By
Constitution she had all her Set Stars Sails down and a top
sail set Main Top Gallant Star Sails Fore topmast set
Sail and a fair Top Sail for a lower Star Sail
Emb, with fine breezes Constitution being down

Wednes 4th Fresh breezes from E.N.E. and a westerly Sea at
4 Pm the Constitution passed us with all her Set we
had to take in our Top gallant Star Sails and lower
Star Sail royal and all of our flying Rites

Wednes 11th Fresh breezes and cloudy at 8 am saw a Ship to wind
ward down to speak us at 9 am she was alongside
it was the Lexington she enquired when we parted
company with the Constitution at noon she took
in royals and so did we at 4 Pm took up our
Top Sail in company with them at 8 Pm closed
Top Sails kept main Sail set and side with the
so in her Emb with heavy gales and rough Sea & clear

Thurs 25th December 1830 Christmas Day
Fresh gales from N.W. W. wind it has been from that
quarter for 8 days some times blowing a gale and some
times very moderate and calm we have had hard work
to get along but we have not spaired canvas nor labour
Last Evening the mate and me was talking about
the girls at home and wondering if any body was thinking
about us and we concluded there was some body

Jan 12 January 1831 Morning to breezes and dark cloudy
weather at daylight saw a Ship ahead at 10 am
spoke her it was the American Ship Garland of
San Francisco from St Francisco bound to New Bedford

Wednes 15th Cold weather yesterday was beaten by the By
the wind N.W. the By ahead in sight from mast head having
we have been beating ever since at 8 Pm passed Sandy Hook
the wind from N.E. and strong gales at 9.30 came to anchor
at Uta Orlean strong gales with snow in By

Journal of Brig Ambassador Capt McDoane New York

January 1857

By Brig Doane

Thurs 16th Strong gales from N.W. at 7 Am took steam and moved up to Town at 4 Pm got a birth and pulled in to the dock. Cold frosty weather and light Snow Squalls

Sat 18th Fine weather at 6 Am commenced to discharge and moved off at 4 Pm cleared up decks

Thurs 23rd Cold frosty weather at 2 Pm finished discharging the cargo. Clearing up the decks and whole

Friday 24th Fine weather and Strong gales to day the mate Henry Doane left the Ambassador to be discharged the Brig Rose and I entered as mate of the Brig

Sat 25th Today the Capt. Chartered the Brig for Montreal and Waterman and back here again. Strong weather

Sun 26th Fine clear weather at afternoon I went over to our 3 day dinner house and took Tea with his family he had two nice looking daughters and he offered me one of them but I could not see it I spent the evening and came on board at 8 o'clock

Tuesday 28th Fine weather at day commenced to load with Sugarwood Ends with same weather

Wed 10th Buggy weather wind S.E. at 10 Am finished Loading and got all ready for Sea

Thursday 11th First part thick rainy weather wind from S.E. at 11 Am the Pilot came on board to take us out at 1 Pm the wind changed to N.W. took steam and moved out into the North River at 4 Pm the Pilot left us at 6 Pm the Highland of New York here W.W.W. S.W. 7 miles from gales and cold weather

Friday 12th Strong gales and cold wind N.W. at 3 Pm. En Lie Hambley Plowing the Anchors and chains Now we are at sea again an autumn storm we have got a good looking lot of men and I hope have made a good voyage and safe return I have had very good times in N.Y. this time I received three letters from home and wrote home I hope when we get back that we will go home for a voyage

*Journal of Brig. Synbader from New York
Sourville, Massillon & Palmer Captains*

Letter #15 - February 1831 Strong gales from N. E. at 10 AM and
all hands to the fore to sail. The top sails were
hoisted and a strong North westerly and Nor - Easterly
breeze ever since we sailed. Evens. with thick weather
sailed in a strong gale -

June 20th Fine weather and gentle breeze. Things out and
Hands employd till evening and repairing. We lost 4 or 5 lbs
have seen strong breezes from the N.E. and this morn with
stronger a gale of N.W. on the 21st day. Barom is still higher

Dec 25th Continues fine weather and see the Scares over the L.H.
Hills and birds as the region. Squaw, Seagulls and Squaw, with
mossing birds and getting the Sun to rights we cannot complain
about our passage so far. all hands well and happy.

Dec 4th March 1831 Fine weather and gentle breeze from S.W. all day.
 Went to the fields low and deep. Flounders common. This afternoon
 it settled up. A yellow fogging and blowing from S.W. Saw a Ship steer
 to the N.E. the wind N.E. at 3 P.M. Saw two one of the Western
 Islands bearing N.W. & S. Dist. 65 miles Lat. 8° 50' N

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11 Oct. 1855. 5th Fine weather and gentle breezes at 4 PM. Saw 20 Abichales
baving S.E. Dist 20 miles Middle part fine fresh breezes and
clear weather in company with several vessels but the little
one the Bay (as we used to call the Indiaman), was the best.
The pilot on a boat we saw him all our time before night.

With 12 Strong gales from E.E. the Ship under two masts & top sail
 at 1 P.M. more under top at 2 commenced to make sail at 3
 Set all sail the wind from N.W. Set two sails at 4 P.M.
 Now the Cape of Good Hope being 25 miles at
 5 P.M. saw Cape of Good Hope. E.E. Ends with moderate breeze
 and clear weather at 11 P.M. saw a light ship in the distance

Nov 13th Moderate light air of wind and happing at 4 P.M. we
a fine breeze and a fine breeze has just sprung up and we are going to
the Straits of Gibraltar once more and the new Sparkles is the
OK Atlantic as we left it and the blue mountains of Africa
show their character in the Mediterranean as we entered it and now
a black cloud is in sight frizzling with cannon and the smoke

Journal of Brig Minerva from New York
Towards Marseilles and Palermo Cap^t J. J. J. J.

Friday 14th March 1830 Strong breezes from N.W. Course E. all Sail Set. Saw Sails
low and about 4 Am Strong gales took us to the gulf and then back
at 8 Am Cape De Vata bore S. Dist 18 miles. At 12 noon
moderate at 12 noon Cape De Vata bore S.W. Dist 10 miles
Sail set moderate from S.W. Smooth Sea and fine weather
This is pleasure sailing and if I was married and had a ship
I would take my wife with me on such a voyage as this
These are the Seas that our Saviour and Apostles sailed on and
these are the Islands they visited and preached the Gospel of
repentance to the poor Pagan Inhabitants. Mazaorca
and Mazaorca these Islands lay but a few miles from us

Sat 15th Strong breezes and cloudy weather at 6 Am Saw Cape St
Martin and back of it one could see the blue heads of the mountains
at 12 noon Saw Mazaorca & Mazaorca and at
Sunset could see the tops of the mountains that divide
France from Spain the Pyrenees lifting their blue heads above the clouds

Sun 16th Moderate fine weather at 11 Am Saw a
Gortor a Shep on the water lowered the boat and
took my grapes and caught him he seemed about 60 lbs

at 4 Am Strong breezes from N.W. and cloudy weather
Wedn 19 Strong gales from E.N.E. and carrying Sail very heavy
to reach Marseilles before night in company with a great
number of vessels at 4 Pm Saw the Land about Marseilles
and at Sunset the Pilot boarded us and at 9 Pm we
let go our anchor inside of Marseilles Harbour then run
our warps and warped up the Bay and anchored for the
night Marseilles Harbour is like a large Dock

Friday 23rd Fine weather Have got all of our cargo out and
am ready to take in ballast yesterday we (the Capt and crew)
received letters from home that Father was dead

Sat 31st Strong gales Have got all of our ballast in and am
ready to sail we have had a good time here and amused ourselves
very much I have been to a Masquerade Ball and to Consoles and
operas several times. Got the Marseilles very much at 4 Pm
Hauled out and got ready to sail in the morning

Journal of Brig Stambassador from Marseilles
Towards and in Palermo Sicily. Capt. Wm. D. ...
By George ...

- Wed 1st April 1837 Fine weather and fresh breezes at 6 am made
Sail and proceeded towards Palermo middle part of the
gales from W.S.W. all Sail Set & hands employed painting
Ship out Side and Sundry other jobs
- Thurs 2nd Utter gales at 10 Am made Wardroom the wine
From W.S.W. blowing a gale we lay too under the lee
of the Island till daylight - next morning
- Fri 6th Moderate baffling winds at 2 Am bore the off the mouth
of Palermo Bay at daylight made Sail and worked up
the Bay at 3 Pm came to anchor and warped in and
moved since we have had light - Easterly and
winds till we reach the Island of Sicily.
- Sat 7th At 10 Am all hands had to go on shore and be examined
by a doctor. at 1 Pm commenced to take out ballast
- Thurs 10th To day finished taking out our ballast and commenced
to lay the dunnage for the cargo there are several
American Ships here all bound to N.Y.
- Mon 14th Fine weather To day commenced to take in cargo
to 4 in Twenty Tons of Sulphur we had a gentleman
on board to dinner an American acting as Consul here
but is going home by the way of London to see the
Great World's Fair they call him General
- Thurs 17th Utter gales To day commenced to take in our crings
and Irons I have bought a Shell box and some glass
pots of Shells and sundry other articles of curiosity
- Sat 19th Fine breeze from South made Sail and proceeded
out of the Bay at 12 noon Calm at 12 light airs from
W.S.W. Sailing Ship throughout the night, to the best
advantage very moderate all night - but fine weather
- Mon 20th Very moderate at 9 Am the Island of Ustica some
8 miles now we are at Sea again & homeward
bound to see our Sea charts and Wives and I have got neither
Oh what a pity we have had pretty good times in Palermo
I do not like it - Heat as well as mosquitoes there is
as many & better girls here and the city is worth I have visited
several Gardens Churches and Burial places a View of the Catacombs

Journal of Brig Antelope from Palermo
Towards Gibraltar and New York Capt. M. S. Jones
by R. J. Jones

Wedn 23rd April 1851 Strong westerly gales and rough sea beating
down the Mediterranean. Part wood swept away
Sat 26th Fine Easterly wind all Sail Set at 4 Pm made
Down shore. Forth Dist 12 miles the wind shifted blowing
to W.S.W. and a great number of vessels fetched into
Avala Bay at 12 midnight. Took Ship off shore
and I had left the deck the Capt Sick the Second
mates watch at 1 Pm was run into by a Spanish
pollacker. Being carried away our jibboom and Star Sail
boom we threw the whole bows into the air and Bull
works he cut at our gangways and at some of our men
Yacht for my Pistol and then started both one of our
men took the hatchet and went on board mounted his
Fore castle and cut the Clew of his Star Sail off and
brought the Sheets and all on board after we cut clear
we found that the Spaniard's 18 Shot of our lines
with his Sharpe Chain bolts got the Boat over and
made Jink over the bows and rigger a new jibboom

Thurs 5th May 1851 This morning was down to the Apes Hill the
current so strong we could not beat out we have had
a hard time beating down this time at 10 Pm ran into
Gibraltar Bay and came to anchor was boarded and
got Bullies and the Capt went on shore. Still strong
gales from West the Bay full of outward bounders
Lat 10th Light airs from East at 10 Pm got under way and
proceeded to Sea at 10 Pm Suffered from North a strong gale
from E.S.E. and a heavy westerly Sea but we did not
spare her we had to go for one guillets

Homeward having what he can't carry he must
Down 11th Moderate N.W. breezes and a heavy 3 Day Sea
Sea Several Ships to the Eastward of us bound to
we have sailed in company with four American vessels to
New York and we are anxious to get along there was one Barn
bound out of the Straits by an American Steam Schooner of War
a week before we got to Gibraltar and she is bound to N.Y. and
has letters on board from us

Journal of Brig. Annapolis from Palermo
Towards New York Capt. W. L. G. G. G.

- Mon 17th May 1857 Strong breezes and clear weather. Found some land, great
amount of land and many other things. The ship is in a fair way of sailing,
down and now got the ship in a fair way of sailing inside. The
varnished and now now got to fix the ship and so on.
- Wed 21st Moderate breezes and clear weather wind from E. S. E. and
another Sea Bands, variously employed all the day. It has been
Sun 23rd Strong gales and cloudy. Strong Squalls every 2 hours and
Calan rope Top Sails were Bore Sail and B. Top main Top Sail
The Second mate is a Liverpool N. S. man Mr De Rooz and
him and we was talking this morning about getting into
New York by next Sunday and I hope we shall and I think
we can do it if we only get the wind as we want it.
- Friday 30th Strong gales from W. S. W. and very much it has been
a very stormy week and we have been the most of the
time we shall not get to N. Y. by next Sunday nor the
most either—we are to the S. W. of the Banks of New
foundland and to the S. E. of the Gulf Stream
The wind is so much to the S. W. that we cannot
get to the S. E. of the Stream and so we have
wind and current against us.
- Sund 1st June 1857 Moderate breezes from West and thick fog
the last two days has been stormy wind from S. W. and
S. E. and now it has got in to the west so we are
making a little I hope it will soon clear up and
give us a breeze our fruit is rotting and this weather is bad.
- Sun 8th Strong S. E. breezes and foggy weather but we are
shortening our distance fast. we hope will be home.
- Sat 14th Fine pleasant weather at 6 P. M. saw a pilot boat start-
ing for us with her flag flying pulled up main sail and
backed main yard and took the pilot on board and
made sail again the wind S. E. and we are about 30 miles
Sun 15 Fresh breezes and clear weather all from S. E. —
sail set at 3 P. M. saw Pine Island at 8 P. M. saw the Highlands
and at 12 midnight anchored at Staten Island quarantine gone
at 9 P. M. on Monday morning made fast to the end of Pier 12 E. R.
New York

Journal of Brig Ambrassader at New York
Capt. M. Deane

by Bishop Jones

Mon 16th Fine weather and fresh breeze at 11 AM commenced to
take out the cargo worth till 2 PM and noth left.

Tues 17th Fine weather to day finished taking out the Brig -
one of the ships that left Gibraltar with us arrived
he is the only one except our selves.

Wed 18th Taking out Sulphur - finished by 2 PM the Capt
to day chartered the Brig to Henry Wallis & Co for
Gibraltar and Malaga and back there again.

Thurs 19th Fine fresh breeze from the Eastward at 4 PM two
Barks arrived that left Gibraltar with us they hailed
me and asked when we arrived and Capt Birch of the
B.D. being on board answered that we were unloaded and
half loaded again bound out.

Frid 20th Fine weather - to day we hauled into our loading berth
and commenced to load with oranges. I had two boxes of
Oranges and the Capt two we sent them home and I
wrote a letter this evening while the Capt went over
to see some of our friends in Brooklyn.

Sat 21st To day finished loading and hauled out into the stream
there sailed a bark for Malaga the day we hauled in here
and we are to beat her if we can so we are in a hurry.

Sund 22nd Fine weather and calm at 3 PM came a breeze made
sail and proceeded to sea the Pilot being on shore we went
and left him at 5 PM the lightland bore N.E. 15?
Dist - 15 miles Steering S.E. the wind W.S.W. outward bound.

Mon 23rd Fine weather wind from N.E. 15? with a gentle breeze
Cut out a Top Gallant sail and are going to make it on
board have had fine weather ever since we left N.Y.

Tues 24th Still fine weather with a gentle breeze from N.W.
albeit it to the best advantage. Hands employed
making Top Gallant sail and Pudding other jobs
we are now in the longitude of Seal Islands and
are Steering East by N. Oh what delightful weather
moderate fair wind and smooth sea it is pleasure to be
at sea in such weather as this Oh if I had my
line

Journal of Brig Amcuzador From New York
Towards Gibraltar and Malaga caps 14 fms
by Briggs 2nd

- Sund 6th July 1851. Dark cloudy weather and looks squally
the S.S.W. took in royals at 8 AM set royals again
the weather more clearer at 7 PM took in royals
again the wine still to the W.S.W. with a good breeze
- Thurs 10th Fine weather and fresh breezes Sailed employed reefing
sails all sail set with a fair wind at W.S.W.
- Sun 13th Fresh breezes and clear weather we have had fine
weather the whole of this passage have only took in our
royals but once or twice the weather has been fine and we
and we have been hard at work the whole time
- Frid 18th Moderate E.S.E. winds and clear weather Saw several vessels
to the Eastward of us and supposed one of them to be the one
that left S.W. the day that we commenced to leave Ends
with fresh breezes from S.W. and drizel rain
- Sues 22nd Moderate breezes and clear weather at 8 AM Saw Cape
Grafalgar at 10 PM Saw Cape Spartel very moderate
at 1 PM Spartel bore S.E. at 4 PM calm and continued
till 10 PM and then the wind breeze up Strong from
East took in royals and top gallant sails at 12 midnight
two reef the top sails and took in main sail and
began to rain wind thick weather and rain
- Wedn 23rd Fresh gales and thick weather at 5 AM it moderated
and the weather cleared up made sail and at 7 AM
came to anchor in Gibraltar bay within one league of
a mile of the new mole got Provisions and the Capt went
- Thurs 24th Fine at 5 AM commenced to discharge on shore &c
got out 4 launch loads to stay the Bark that we
were to be to and sailed 5 days before us has not arrived
yet the old lock stay has done them again known
- Frid 25th At 12 noon got all our cargo out and at 5 PM sailed
for Malaga passed Europa point at 6 PM at 7 PM
Calm throughout the night in the middle of the Straits
- Sat 26th Calm at 9 AM Europa point Gibraltar bore North 2
4 miles this shows that there was not any current during
whole night as it was perfectly calm and we lay still over head
to the west the

Journal of Brig Ambassador from New York via
Sibralter Towards Malaga. Capt. M. D. D. D.

- Sun 27th July 1851. Moderate Calm and light air from East and S.E.
at 2 Am Saw Malaga Light and hauled a look towards
for daylight at 4 Am Towed in to the Bay and at
10 Am was moved inside the mole and sails fisted
- Mon 28th Fine weather at 7 Am the Health Boat came
and told us that we would have to have 15 days
quarantine and but would be allowed to discharge
the remainder of our cargo in the quarantine ground
- Tues 29th Commenced to discharge the Staves carried them
in a barge within about one hundred yards of the
shore and have them overboard and let them drift
on shore and the Consignee employed men to carry them
up and count them
- Wed 30th August 1851 Fine weather to day at work very
hard to finish discharge the Staves At 4 Pm finished
cleaned up the decks and prepared to paint Ship and
car the rigging and sundry other little jobs &c &c
- Thurs 1st This morning early the Health boat came off and
gave us notice at 9 Am was ordered and hauled into
the loading ground and by 12 noon had taken on board
four hundred and of raisins
- Fri 2nd Commenced to take in cargo by 5 o'clock in the morning
and at 4 Pm was full patches hatched down and
commenced to on more Ship at 6 Pm while hauling
out by the mole the Bark that left N.Y. before us
and was to run a race with us came in he hailed us and
asked if the capt was on board he was answered no then
give my respects to Capt D. and said he and away we
went at 8 Pm the capt came on board we made sail
in company with a bark called the Adama Capt. M. D. D.
bound for New York and now for another Race
- Sat 3rd At 3 Am made S. E. light with a strong breeze
from E. S. E. it has been blowing fresh these last 3 or 4 days
from the Westward and we have been heaving down but now we have
a fair wind and have just got through. The Strates we suppose
that the Adama is a head of us

Journal of Brig. Intrepid from Abilaga
Towards New York Capt. M. D. Kane
by George Kane

- Sat 16th August 1855 Fine weather and fresh breezes all day. Let
the sails low and aloft and trimmed to the best advantage
for we are in hot pursuit of the Adanna and she is
a smart sailing bark and we want to catch her.
- Sues 17th Strong breezes from N.W. under double reef sails with a
heavy sea at 2 Pm saw a bark to the S.W. ahead of us
called her the Adanna took out the double reef and
top gallant sail over single reef top sails. The wind
blew from the N.W. at 3 Pm.
- Sat 23rd Fresh breezes from S.E. carrying top call Every half hour
Sails thick weather and has been so for three days since
the wind shifted to the Eastward but never mind the
wind is fair if the weather is foul it don't matter.
- Thurs 25th Fine moderate breezes from S.E. Stand employed
cleaning paint work the Iron rust has run very much on
our paint and now we are cleaning it off so it will look
like a new painted ship.
- Sat 30th Strong S.W. winds today we are on the banks at 5 Pm
strong gales close reef the top sails and let her drive.
- Sun 31st Still strong gales and rough sea the wind from W.S.W.
at 12 noon took the close reef out of the top sails. The
whole fore sail and reef main sail is blowing very hard
the wind from W.S.W. at 4 Pm passed the bark
Adanna under close reef top sails and reef fore sail at
5 Pm the wind from S.E. and fresh took out the
reefs and let top gallant sails at 10 heavy breezes took in
fore top gallant sail till carrying main and 3 jibs.
- Abend 1st Sep 1855 Strong gales at 2 Am bursted main top gallant
sail did not take it in but let it blow and go.
Ends with strong gales from S.E. and thick rainy weather.
- Sat 6th Fine weather and moderate breezes at 2 Am took
board a S.E. Pilot at daylight the light of Abilaga was
dist 10 miles the wind from S.W. at 8 Am passed the shore land
calm saw several vessels our side of land took a steamer came
forward and went out side and got a bark took her in to
at 10 she passed us it was the Adanna now the wind
any up from North and we got up to S.E. at 4 Pm and pulled into Pier 10 E.

Journal of Brig. Ambassador At New York
Capt. M. Doane

by B. D. Doane

- Thurs 8th Sep 1831 Fine weather got all ready to discharge part of
the sailors Cook and some more.
- Friday 10th Fine weather employed taking our cargo at 4 PM I was
arrested by two officers for a Bolt and Battery on the High
Sea against the cook the capt gave bonds for my appearance.
- Saturday 11th Fine weather at 10 AM went up to the City Hall and
employed a lawyer to tend to my case at 11 AM my
case was called over and I answered to my name that the
cook was not there nor his Lawyer. I was dismissed
Went down to the ship and as I was passing out of the
City hall gate I met the cook and his Lawyer commu-
nic. I took my pistols and Ammunition and crossed over to
Williamsburg walked out into the fields and amused
myself till dark then came in to town and got lodging
at a private Hotel kept by Capt. Townsend when
I went in and got my Tea the Capt. was not at home his
wife and daughter. A Mr. Townsend questioned me and tried
to find out where I was from But when the capt
came He asked me but a very few questions before he
said I know what you are here for and laughing he
told me not to be afraid of him or of his family.
- Sunday 12th Fine morning I got my breakfast and washed out
and fell in with our Shepherd. Mr Lewis he took
me to his house and there I continued to stay till
the vessel sailed again to keep clear of the Sheepshead.
- Tues 16th Fine pleasant weather. This evening Captain Hays
is to have a concert at the Masonic Hall N.Y. and
I am getting ready to go. I have invited a young lady to
go with me. at 7 PM started off to the concert hall
and I was got home about 11 o'clock all right.
- Wed 21st Fine this morning went to church After dinner took
a walk with the girls got back at Tea time. Martin my
brother hearing that I was going to get married came over to
see me. Spent a pleasant evening at 10 Martin went on board
and I went to bed good night.

Journal of Brig Am Cassador From New York
Towards Barrington N.C. Capt. W. Doane

Mon 29th Sep. 1851 Commences with fine pleasant weather with
at rest at 12 noon as I was eating my dinner my two
Nephews came after me the Brig was under way and the
boat was waiting for me at the Slip at the foot of
South 7th St. Williamsburg I finished my dinner and
started off on board we had three passengers Char
les Claren David Doane and Mrs. Lillian Doane

Ends with fine weather going through the Sound
Tues 3rd Oct 1851 Commences with fine weather wind S.W. at 4
AM Saw Cape Forchu light went through Casco Bay
passage and at 12 noon anchored in Barrington
Passage Capt and passengers went on shore at 1 PM
at 3 PM I had got the sails fixed and let go both
anchors and then I went on shore This evening
we had a singing party at our house after it
was over I went home with Miss M. R. R.

Wed 4th Fine weather went on board and 3 who will speak for
around the Chronometer came on shore and had
a good time amongst the boys and girls ---

Thurs 7th Fine clear weather Took on board several young
gentle and ladies to see the brig and among them
was Miss M. R. R. Spent an hour or two and came on

Fri 14 Pleasant weather this morning I hired a horse and
carriage and took Miss M. R. R. down to the town
to see Mr. Wm. Car cousin we spent a very pleasant
afternoon and evening and got home at 11 o'clock

As we had nothing for the Brig to do we lay here painting
and mending her sails and got the vessel to ride by Mr.
Morton then bought a load of lumber in Port Midway
and put me in Master of the Brig. Shipped a crew but
could not get a mate which compelled me to
wait for some time at last my nephew

Henry Doane arrived from the West Indies and I got
his mate. He arrived on Monday 24th Nov. My Dear Sister Jan
had a party at her house for me and it was a pleasant
evening we spent

Bris Ambarsoeder From Ferring on a Port
D Midway & at Port Midway

- Dec 25th Nov 1851 Commences with fine weather and fresh
breezes from N.W. at 6 AM were on board of the
brig got underway and proceeded towards Port Midway
Wednes 26th All fine weather at 3 PM anchored in
Port Midway at 3 PM hauled into the wharfe
and moved got all ready to discharge ballast
Thurs 27th Fine weather this morning commenced to dis-
charge ballast to night wrote a letter home
Fri 28th December 31 Cold weather mine from N.W. at 6
AM commenced to take in cargo (umber) 16
tons rather less than wanted by the
Sunday 1st This is a cold blowy day and it has been a cold
week we have nearly finished loading so this is
a good place to be in it to not be in at all
Mon 2nd Fine weather and at work taking in lumber and
at 4 PM finished loading last of the deck load
Tues 3rd Dark foggy weather hands employed taking deck
load and making ready for to go to sea at 9
PM the wind from North and cold set up till 2 AM
writing letters it was cold and we expected to sail in
the morning but we could not get down the
river the wind was from N.E. and a Snow Storm
Wed 4th A cold N.E. Snow Storm got ashore some more
and coal and other things at 12 midnight
the wind hauled to N.W. and began to freshen
Thurs 5th A Day of the cold all hands and commenced
to get in the cargo it being very cold and some
squalls and ice making very fast however at 6 AM
the Pilot came on board made Sail and ran down to the
mouth of the Harbour let go the anchor and let the
Pilot on Shore when the ship took to the
two next fore top Sail and main hove up and proceeded
to sea thick snow and very cold wind N.W. and
freezing every drop thus - plus and soon our deck
load was one sheet of ice. Pitcher life lines gone and aft

Journal of Brig. Ambassador from Port Moresby
Crews Barbadoes Capt B. Doane

Friday 12th Dec 1851 Cold thick Snow Storm wind N.W. blowing a gale Steering S.E. at 6 AM saw a Schooner ahead with the Star half mast run down and spoke her. She proved to be an American Schooner called the "Orival" She was damaged and had Ballance masts. Sail set in a sinking condition and wanted to be taken off. I called the mate and crew and asked them if they would go further to join the boat to save those sinking men and they all declined saying that no boat would live in such a sea. I then went Ship and stood for her ran close to her Stern and back the main yard and the Capt of the Schooner threw out his boat fastened a long line to her and I shoved down a long side we threw him a bow line he put it under his arms and jumped over board we hauled him on board. He told me he was from Prince Edwards Island bound for Newbury Port the Schooner was leaking and wished me to take the remainder of the crew off. I then went Ship again ran so nigh her that I took two men off of her main boom and two got on board in the lee and now there was one left. I told him to get into the boat cut her painter and Steer before the wind. We had a very difficult job getting him. The Capt name was Vappin the Schooner belonged to the American Consul Charlotte Town N. E. S. with five men and the Capt loaded with Potatoes Cuts Beef and butter at 10 AM kept off on our course and left the Schooner to her fate. At 2 PM commenced to make sail at 4 PM the wind backed to S.E. thick rainy weather. Through the night at 10 PM two reefed the Top Sails and took in main course.

Sat 13th Commenced with strong gales and dark rainy weather at 3 PM close reefed the Top Sails and reefed Fore Sail at 7 PM heavy gales from S.E. took in Fore Top Sail Fore Sail and hove to under one reef main Top Sail and 1st Top mast.

Journal of Brig. Embassador from Port Madding
Towards Barbadoes Capt B Droun

- Sund 14 Dec 31 Heavy gales and rough sea all day noon lat by
account 39.21 at 2 PM gale moderates commenced
to make sail and at midnight lat 39.27
Set the wind from West and a fine breeze
- Wednes 17 Strong breezes from W.W.W. and have had fresh gales
these last 3 days running under top sails
and main sail hauled at 6 AM set main sail and
pile a heavy sea running
- Thurs 20 Fine weather and light S.W. winds and run
so for two days Capt. Tipping is very good company
and we sit and yarn on deck till 10 O'clock at
night about our adventures and coast ships &c &c
- Fri 23 Breeze had light S.W. and S.W. winds for five days
we have bent a suit of Spain old sails as it is now
fine weather and moderate this is slow sailing
and very unfortunate for me as it is the first
voyage for me master but I pay all the
attention possible to the ship lose no opportunity
of making a mile by taking advantage of the wind
and this day at 12 noon was in Lat 40.23.38
- Thurs 25 Fine weather and fine breezes from East all day
set at 12 noon lat by 40.23.36.8. Little port
Squally and buffing winds come from
- Satur 27 Fine clear weather wind S.E. and light all sail
Set Studdingails low and aloft soon hopes to
get into port before New Years day 18. 69
- Thurs 30 Fine fresh breezes and clear weather at 6 AM
Kept off West for Barbadoes and at 9 AM made sail
Wland boring W Dist 15 miles at 4 PM anchored
in 14 fathoms of water. Health officers came on board
first sails put out the fore and set 30 m
Drove us it was being near the shore the
business people put out their chairs for us
and a few more

St. John's Barbadoes Capt. Ben's Man

Wednesday 31st December 1851 At 6 AM got Breakfast and went on to
and called on Mr. Wilson a Commission merchant - whom
I had letters to at 8 AM the Mic Mac arrived from
Liverpool She sailed on the 12 of Dec the same day as
I did there was three year month Briggs consigned to M
Hussen and 2 Liverpoolers. he sent away some of them
kept the Mic Mac in the Ambassador here and at 11
AM he sold my cargo for 18 dollars a thousand to be
delivered in London Bay at the end of the year
I went to the American Consols with Capt. Supple
he treated us very kindly and at 12 noon sent the
on shore from the Brig. I went to see with Capt
Sennock and his nephew the Capt of Barre Supple

Thursday 1st January 1852 Commenced with fine weather - and
suzer from N.E. at 6 AM Pilot came on board to take
me down to London Bay where the anchor made sail
and proceeded This is New Year day that I was
born. Now the boys and girls are having a jubilee
Boys Tea Squalles. Porties Charges Shooting Fishing and
hunting parties are hear and I cooked up in this old
Brig. being down to Spikes Town & London Bay. I
will never mind I will have a party of my own when
I get home it shall be a grand party Charges Shooting
Fishing Tea Squalle and all sorts of Squalle in one. I
if I doubt and that I shall pay for all this
At 3 PM anchored in London Bay went on shore to see
the man that bought my barrels and he invited me
to take dinner with him and I accepted after dinner
I went on board not ill ready to discharge in the morning

Friday 2nd Fine weather at 5 AM commenced to discharge the stock
I got one raft on shore by 8 AM I was on shore
and took account of it. Here it called up
111th London invited me to spend the evening at his house
as it was his birth day to day and he had invited
some friends to have a good time to night &c

Journal of Ambassador From Barbados
Towards St Thomas Capt Benja Poole

- Friday 9th January 1802 Fine weather and fresh breezes at 2 PM finished
discharging the cargo Stands ready for preparation to
take in ballast. Cleared up the Decks and washed
off the sides of the hull as it is to be here
at 12 tomorrow
- Sat 10th Fine Clear weather at 11 AM a boat load of ballast
came and we took it in to stand at anchor 25
Fathoms 14 Tons Some Salmon and some barrels that the
brought out on a venture. Ends fine and fresh
- Sunday 11th Pleasant weather this morning a Packet Starts
for Town at 8 AM and I engaged my Passage as above
to settle my business and accounts. Clear the vessel
accordingly at 8 PM we started and arrived in Town at
11 AM. I took dinner with Capt Linselle in the
Hotel at 1 PM cleared the vessel settling my accounts
to it the money for the lumber and at 5 PM sailed
again arrived at Spittles Town about 9.30 and I had to
back my bag of money about 4 miles it was dark
and I was some afraid of being robbed however at 11 PM
I arrived safe on board with my money &c.
- Tuesday 12th Commences with Squally weather - Stands ready to
take in ballast and getting the Ship ready for sea at 12 noon
finished ballasting, hoisted in the boat sails and
at 6 PM weighed anchor made sail bound for St
Thomas Ends with fine weather and gentle breeze
- Wednesday 14th Fine fresh breezes and clear weather at 4 PM was at
Martinique being 18 At Studsing sails and parading
instructions Martinique and Dominica Fine sailing. Hope
day I wish that I was married and had my wife with me
- Thursday 16th Fine weather and gentle breezes Ship lying back waiting
for day light to go into port at 5 AM saw St Thomas being S.W.
ran down and at 6 AM came to anchor in St Thomas harbor
Mr T. Jones came on board and I went on shore with him went to Draper
and Spaldings Ship Chandlers Store Continued the vessel to Jones for a freight
and commenced to paint Ship while we are waiting for the
breeze to arrive from the leeward and bring the mail

Journal of Brig. Ambassador from St. Thomas
Toward's Obeisburne. N.S. Capt. Benn Poore

- Tues 20th January 1852 This morning I went on shore early to find out what cause the Steamer had brought from the Leeward and to my great disappointment there was no freight in the market. My James persuaded me to wait till the next boat should come and see what she would bring so I consented and continued so &c &c
- Tues 25th " Boat on Levee and no good news did times at 5 P.M. 7 vessels sailed from here in ballast for the S. States and Nova Scotia and not one charter has been given this fortnight and I have concluded to stay till the next boat arrives for I want to go to New York & visit the place
- Wednes 4th February 1852 Fine clear weather today the Steamer arrived from Portico and brought orders for two vessels for St. Domingo and England but wanted copper fastenings and copper bottom cement at 50 cents and so I was shamed out of that so I ordered twenty tons more ballast - filled fore cargo with wheat and intend to sail for home on Saturday so I caught some venturs &c &c
- Satur 7th " Fresh breezes at 5 Am weighed anchor made sail and started for home the land of Snow Point at noon St. Thomas bore S.E. Dist 30 miles
- Mon 9th " Fine pleasant weather and smooth sea fine breezes all sail set homeward bound all hands well Lat 33° 27'
- Tues 12th " Fine weather and smooth sea wind from S.E. all sail set & tudding sails low and aloft Steady ship going at the rate of eight miles per hour Lat 31° 40'
- Satur 14th " Strong breezes at 2 Am took in light sails at 8 Am heavy gales from S.E. Close reef the top sail and reef the sail at 12 noon wind W. Lat 36° 02' at 1.30 heavy squalls from S.W. Took in fore sail & top sail and hove to under close reef main top sail
- Mon 16th " More finer weather Ship under all sail at 2 Am breeze freshens Took in light sails at 4 Am close reef the top sails the wind from W and a heavy sea at 12 Lat 37° at 2 Pm Lett down royal yard and had sail booms

Journal of Ensign J. Thomas
 Towards Shelburne, N.S. Capt. B. G. G. G.

Tues 17th Feb 1832 Commences with squalls of rain and hail at 2 Am moderate fresh airs from S.E. and heavy sea at 6 heavy rain with thunder and lightning at 10 Am the wind from West and cleared off commencing make Sail at 11 M 38. 20. at 2 Pm fine weather all Sail set at 4 Pm a heavy rain in the A.M. took in light Sails and close reefed the top sails at 5 Pm a violent squall struck the ship the fore sail hauled up for the fore and main top sail struck and the 12 lifts blew away the fore sail and main top sail carried away part of the fore top sail yard at 8 Pm had everything secure and went to under reef main fore sail and fore top mast stay sail violent gales from N.W. with thick snow and very cold weather

Wednes 18th Violent gales at 2 Pm gale abated and wind hauled to the Northward at 6 Am all hands went to work to set of Sails fore sail and main top sail and set them close reefed at noon set two reef top sails and reef fore sail at 2 Pm wind N.E. and more finer weather set top gallant sails over reef top sails ended with the breeze freshening

Thurs 19th Commences with fresh gales took in light Sails at 3 Am was under close reef top sails and reef fore sail at noon more finer weather set two Reef sails at 9 M 39. 20 at 8 Pm set single Reef top sails fore sail and main sail the wind East with cloudy weather continues throughout the night

Fri 20th Cloudy weather and fresh breezes from East at 4 Am got soundings on the Eastern end of Georges Bank 87 fathoms of water at noon Cloudy and stormy looking weather the wind S.E. all sail set at 4 Pm strong gales from S.W. took in top gallant sails and flying jib at 10 Pm more finer the wind from West set main top gallant sail and flying jib

Journal of Briget Ambapador From St Thomas
Towards St. Helburne. S. B. Capt. B. Deane

Wellnes 25th Feb 1852 Commences with thick rainy weather - wind
S.W. and moderate at 10 Am the wind S.W. and thick
at 4 Pm the wind N.E. and rainy fresh breezes under
single reefs have had no observation since the 22nd.

Thurs 26th Strong gales and rough Sea wind S.E. at 4 Am
calm and thick fog at 2 Pm light breezes from W
and rain thick weather Ends with light breezes and
thick fog all Sail Set

Frid 27th Commences with thick fog and moderate breezes
the wind backing from S.W. to N.W. light Sails in
at 10 Am wind South and rain at 2 Pm N.E. and thick
fog at 8 Pm the wind S.E. and fresh still thick and
no observations for five days Ends with thick fog

Sat 28th Thick rainy weather wind S.E. at 12 noon the wind
South still thick weather at 8 Pm the wind at S.W.
and moderate steering in N.N.E. Top Sails reefed and top
gallant Sails Set over them at 12 midnight - Sounder
in 50 fathoms water took in top gallant Sails and
run in under Short Sail

Sund 29th Thick fog wind from S.W. still running in under
Short Sail at 12 noon clear weather over head fog
thick fog at 1 Pm got the Anchors off the Forecastle
on the pale and bent the chains at 2 Pm all hands
took Ship to Stand off Short at 2.30 Sun came out
bright and the fog cleared off Saw the Sealp
moon rocks bearing N.W. Dist 8 miles wore the
and steered in N.E. for Shelburne Harbour or
Cape Roseway at 7 Pm was a brest Land point
The wind came out to N.W. in a Squall stood
in to the anchorage and came to rest both
anchors fired Sails and put out the boat to
go to Town found that the harbour was barred
up with Ice a bore Land Point. Landed below
and walked to Town through a deep Snow

Journal of Thelburne S.P.
Brig. Thebassador Capt. Benja Doane

When 1st March 1832 Strong gales from N.E. at 8 AM went on
at 2 PM paid off the men and left one on board to keep
ship the Bay and never full of Ice

When 2nd Strong gales from N.W. went on board and took out
my clothes and 15 Dinagahns of Lin and two cases and
brought them up to town

When 3rd Fresh gales from N.W. at 8 AM Mr. Mure and
me started for Barrington with the Horse and
Sleigh at Birch Town but my Brother Martin
coming after me with the Horse and Wagon so we
all went back to Shelburne again at 6 PM
my brother and me started for Thome Col
but at 9 PM got our supper at Mc Coyes
Clyde River I am not very well have got a bad
cold and feel some very cold riding &c at 11 PM
arrived home took some Hot Herb tea and went

When 4th More finer and milder weather & to bed
at 8 PM Martin came in to my Bedroom and woke
me up gave me a glass of Hot Brandy &c and
it felt a little better. This evening Col. Howe
visited some of my old acquaintances and friends

When 5th Fine weather Hired a Horse and carriage and went
to Shelburne for my clothes &c

When 6th Fine weather Started from Shelburne at 8 AM and
arrived home at 2 PM with all my clothes -
while I was in Shelburne there was a company waiting
a vessel to go to Australia in to the gold mines &c
and a party engaged to go master of her if they could
get her out in time which would be about May 15th
Had several young men to agree to go in her from
Barrington if I would the company wanted only 5 more
shares taken up before she would sail and I
began to make some preparations for going

at this time there was three young men making ready to go to
California C. Robertson & Hitchens & Cunningham

Home again in St. Harrington N.S.

Thursday 7th March 1852 Fine weather throughout the day went
to Church (This evening I called and spent a few moments
with Miss M. McKenney and told her of my intention
of going to Australia and during the evening we
agreed to get married before I went - this voyage
and to let her communicate the same to her Parents
Thurs 8th Fine pleasant weather this morning I communicated to
my Mother and family my intentions and they all
approve of it, I saw Miss M. McKenney again this evening
and she and her parents had nothing against it and if I
was doing this to save their thought it best for us both
to while he would be making ready I in the mean
time would go to Warrmouth and buy some necessary
articles for our nuptials and I came of my friends
there as I have got three or four cousins in that place
Frids 9th Fine warm weather to day I hired a horse and
wagon and made preparations for my journey
Satur 10th Cold north west wind at 6 AM took on my journey
at 10 AM I overtook Mr R. Mollins the President
of the Australia Mining Company at Melbourne
and several others going to Warrmouth to get their
company shares filled up if they could he told me that
he stopped at Capt James Coffin the night before
and Capt Coffin asked who they had to go master of their vessel
he told him they had partly engaged me the Capt told him
that he did not know of any other one that would suit
better or be more capable and acquainted with the voyage
we all stopped at
and at dinner
and I rode off on our journey it being very cold I had to
get out and run to keep myself warm at 4 PM we
arrived at Hoboken Mr Mollins took the road to
Warrmouth and I took the road to Little River where
my relations lived and at 8 PM I put up my horse
at Mr B. Allen's my Cousin as the head of Little River

W. W. W. W. W.

Quins 11 March 1852. A fine Sun Shiny day this morning I then
for Warrmouth and arrived there at 9. I went through
with my business to 10 Saw several of my old friends
one of my cousins being there made me promise that
I would call on her daughter Olive my warmie
and live on the point from Warrmouth to Little
River she used to be an old sweet heart of mine
before I went away, I halting so accordingly and
returning I called at her house, Mr Cook her
husband was sick he had the Shagras ever we were
acquainted also, he was mate of one of the Brigs
that was cast away in St. Martins and was with each
other there and took part of their crew we saw Cook
when I went in to the house. Mrs Olive of Mr Cook
was out of the room I shook hands with Mr Cook and
Mrs Cooks sister Lavinia whom I was much acquainted with
and sat down presently Olive came out of the room she
smiled and blushed I rose and shook hands with her
and she welcomed me home. I took dinner with
her and in afternoon we had a social time I was going
my visit and Olive said that Mr Cook had not been
so well for several days at 5 P.M. I left and rode down
to Mr James Hillins and stopped there all night.

W. W. W. 12th Cloudy weather Wind S. E. at 10. I saw several of my old
friends and relations came to see me and they proposed that
we should go down to St. Hurcys another of my cousins
and spend the afternoon accordingly if we went the I did
not feel very well as I had sent down my cold after
we got to the house and all sat around the fire I began
to feel worse I took a walk out in the field to try to get
better but it was no use after I returned to the house and got
down I began to feel faint and one of the girls
noticed it and they all got up and asked me what was
the matter I told them and cousin Lavinia made me
some Elderberry tea put me to bed and gave me a drink.

Home In Mr Barrington

Saturday 13th March 1852 Fine pleasant weather at 10 Am
I felt quite smart and as business called me over to
Barrington the I charmed up my horse and started
off at 4 Pm I arrived at Mr Chuteingsons the
Taylors at the miller or Mill Town, Charnmouth
got Tea at his house and at 7 Pm was ready to start
I had got a passenger Miss Crowell of Barrington w.
wanted to go home. At 10 Pm I arrived at Mr
V. Allens and put up for the night -

Sund 14th Fine pleasant weather and warm at 6 Am I
again for home it being very heavy driving I
to get out and walk very often and at 7 Pm
we got home safe tho very tired and I have got
a very bad cough

Monday 15th Drove my horse home paid his hire and came
home my cough no better weather damp

Tues 16th This is a fine day went up to the head an on
around did not see the person I went after
Had a game of ball this afternoon an E. Hitchens
field our side won the game my partners w
J. Robertson. Dan Sargents the opposite party
was W. Crowell E. Hitchens and another

Wed 17th Fine weather throughout the day I rode & drove
all day and nurse my cough and cold till
afternoon then went down to Mr. Crowells shop
and we had a nother game of Ball

Our side Best again This Evening I went to
early and spent the remainder with mother-in-
my sister Irene and went to bed early my
cold and cough still better

The End of my Boyhood
Benjamin Dane

At Home in Barrington Nova Scotia.

Thurs 18th March 1832 A very rainy morning with S.E.
I kept my self housed all the fore noon at
12 noon I began dressing I put the dress on my self
and at 4 P.M. went down to Mr. Snows house.
There was a goodly number of our friends and relatives
we got all ready for to go to church and then
married at 6 P.M. and only waited for the Parson.
Miss M. Robertson put on my gloves and at 6.30
Mr. Jost came and we walked to the Passage
Methodist Chapel and at 7 P.M. Benjamin Isaac
and Maria R. Snow was married by the Rev.
J. R. Jost went back to the house and got tea
There only a few of our friends and relatives present
at 9 P.M. Some of the men that had been with
us on our voyage with me in the Scarborough house
that day were married this Evening they surrounded
the House and fired three volleys we should
went out and treated them and they hired
three more and all was quiet after supper
Mr. Jost took me and my Bride into a little
room and there he gave us our marriage certificate
Daniel Parsons witness we spent a pleasant evening
and at 11 P.M. the wedding party broke up and
all retired to their respective homes

Friday 19th Above fine weather after breakfast I went up
home and gave some directions about preparing
for the second part and then went back again
at 2 P.M. my Bride Her Father, mother and sisters
and me came to my mothers, my mother took me by
the hand at the door led us into the house
and welcomed her we spent a pleasant evening
at the old house where many such a scene had
passed and now I am the last of the family
Spending my glorious moon under the roof where I was
Born and brought up. So good by old days

At Home in Barrington N.H.

- Saturday 20th March 1852 Fine pleasant weather I make
my mother, my home we visit our friends
and spend our time as pleasant and cheerful
as this time will allow went to Capt E. Coffin
this afternoon and stayed all night
- Sun 21st Fine pleasant weather this morning went
to church at the Head House the Rev
Mr. Jos. preached. Spent dinner with a Church
again and came home
- Mon 22nd Still fine weather nothing to do but have
good times and good things
- Tue 26th Fine weather to day went to Shelburne and
Sailed for Clyde to take in a load of lumber
at 6 PM Anchored in the river
- Sat 27th Fine weather and fresh breeze pulled the
vessel into a cove got alongside one raft of
lumber and at noon I left Clyde for home
a good about 6 PM and now I am going to
stop home till the first of the month when
I join the ship again
- Wed 1st April 1852. A very heavy snow storm began
in the House all day Dec.
- Thurs 2nd More fine weather the snow still thick
and deep Chaw I like to stay in the House
- Sat 4th More fine weather this afternoon Mr. and
Mrs. from Clyde and wanted me to go down and
help load the log on Monday
- Sund 5th This Evening went to Church at the passage
- Mon 6th Early this morning Mr. and Mrs. started
off for the Clyde arrived there about 11 AM
I heard at work all this week the hauling and
rafting lumber
- Sat 12th Hard at work all day till 4 PM then broke
off work and Mr. and Mrs. started for home to
walk and arrived home by 10 PM very fine

London, the Ambassador

Sunday 12th April 1862 Fine weather - this morning went to Church came home got dinner went down to my other relations and stayed till church time after church went home to my dear mother and stayed till night. This day and evening has been a very remarkable day to me I have felt very melancholy in sober words. Went to the Fine weather - the sun was out and bright and I went to court down street way at 4 PM. My father the M.C. minister called to see me and my wife spent the remainder of the afternoon with us and went home.

Monday 14th Fine pleasant weather this evening at 6 PM started for Clyde River and arrived there at 12 noon.

Tuesday 15th Fresh breezes and clear weather. At 8 AM all hands got the ship underway in good weather. The horse arrived there at 4 PM and went into the wharf made fast &c. &c.

Saturday 18th The ship's employes taking in lumber and I am staying in the whole of the evening. I attended a meeting of the Australia Mining Company and to a great house to see for myself as regards going in for a share. Some and others were there all of them and finally they broke up and the company dissolved and turned out a failure now I am left in the lurch.

Sunday 19th Fine went to Kirk and heard a sermon from the Presbyterian minister.

Monday 20th Staid at work staying here. In the afternoon I shipped mate with my mother-in-law to go on the ship. I have not signed all the papers for my share in the company yet and I am not yet at home.

Home in Old Barrington N. B.

Sat 25th April 1852. Fine weather and cold N.W. wind.
2 Pm finished Stowing the deck load hatches un-
lashing and putting things to rights at 4 Pm I
asked leave to go home and spend Sunday and it
was granted me so at 5 Pm Martin and me
rised up Mr Muns Horse and started off home
arrived about 11 Pm put up our Horse and retired.

Sunday 26th Fine weather and warm Spent a pleasant day
in the Evening went to the Old meeting house
to hear the Rev Mr of Shelburne
preach at 10 Pm got home bid good by to several
of my old acquaintances and told them that I was
Expected to come back again to Barrington

Monday 27th Is a bright morning and at 6 AM I got
up to leave home and to Dear wife for the first
time in my life and it was hard enough too but
our Sailors are hardened creatures and dont yield
to trifels so after Breakfast I took leave of
my Dear old Mother which I never expect
to see again and a Dear wife. Started off for
Shelburne to go to the West Indies in the
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